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spiritual persones Cap. xviii.

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ACTES

made at a Parlyamente begon
and holdē at Westmister the .xxj.
daye of October, in the seconde and
thyrd yeare of the reigne of our Soue
raygne Lozde and Ladye, Whyllyppe
and Marye by the grace of G D.
kyng and Queene of Englande, Fraunce,
Paples Jerusalem, and Ireland, defendours
of the fayth, princes of Spayne, and Sicile,
Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Millaine,
Burgondie and Bhabante, counties of
Haspurge Flanners, and Tyroll,
and there continued and
kepte vntyl the
dissolution
of the same, being the .ix. day
of December then next en-
suing, were enacted as
foloweth.

Cum priuilegio Regiæ
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the enclosing of groundes, vpon the borders
towards Scotlande.

The fyrst Chapter.



FOR the better habytatyon,
restorynge, and reedyfyinge of the
Castelles, fortresses and fortelettes,
villages, and houses that be decaied
within the Counties of Northum-
berland, Cumberland, Westmerlād,
and the Bishoprik of Durham. And
for the better manuring, and imploy
inge the groundes within the same,
and for the moze encrease of tillage,

Be it enacted by the Kynge and
Quenes maiesties the Lordes spiri-

tual and temporal, and the commons of this pzeent parliament as-
sembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from and after the first
daye of December next ensuing, commission vnder the great Seale
of England, shalbe directed from time to time, as nede shall requyre
to such persones as shalbe there vnto named and appoynted by the
Kynge and Quenes Maiesties, and theyres and Successours of the
quene, by theyr bill or billes signed with theyr signe manuel to be di-
rected to the Chauncellour of England for the time beyng, whych
commissions shalbe accor dyng to the maner, forme, tenoure and ef-
fect hereafter ensuing. Philip and Mari. .x. Know ye that we haue
assigned you or anye number of you beyng Syxe at the least of the
whiche we wyll that A. B. C. shalbe thye to be our Commissioners, to
surueye our Counties of Northumberland Cumberland Westmer-
land and the Bishoprike of Durham, or as much therof as to you or
syxe of you, wherof. A. B. & C. shalbe thye, shalbe thought conueniēt
and by such waies and meanes as you best can to enquire what and
how many castels, fortresses, and fortelettes, villages, houses, and
habitations haue ben decaied within the same, and bi whom and by
what occasions and how many of them are mete to be reedified, and
also how many castelles, fortresses, and fortelettes, villages, houses,
and habitations were mete to be made of new within the said coun-
ties and Bishoprike, and in what places the same were most mete to
be situate, and what partes of the saide countyes and Bishopricke
be most apte for to be enclosed and conuerted to Tillage or other ne-

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cessarye manurance mete and conuenient for those countries, and the people of the same, and also to enquire what persons be owners Lordes, Proprietaries, Fermoures, and possessours of the same, or claime any interest in the same, and what estate or estates, termes or interestes, they, or any of them haue of and in the same. And therupon to take such order for the reedifying of such the castles, Fortresses and Fortelletes, Villages, houses, and habitations heretofore decayed, and for the newe erectyng and makynge of others, and the scituyngs of the same, and for the enclosing and conuertynge to tyllage or other necessarye manurance, suche partes and portions of the said countyes and Bishoprike as to you, or sixe of you wherof A. B. & C. shalbe thre, shalbe thought most mete and conuenient.

Provyded alwayes that by colour or vertue of thys commission you do not reedifye, newe make, or enclose, or cause to be reedified newe made and enclosed, as abouesayd in any place or places, in any of the sayde countyes or Bishoprykes beyng in distaunce and lyng aboute twentye myles from the known partes of the borders of Scotland. And we do geue vnto you or vnto any number of you beyng sixe at the least wherof A. B. and C. shalbe thre, full power and auctoritie, to enquire by the othes of the honest and lawfull men of the countyes of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerelande, and the countie palentine of Durham aforesaid, aswel within the liberties as without, by whom the truth may be best known, who hath or holdeth anye Landes, or tenementes, or vbleth or perceyue any common of pasture, or other profite appender in the said counties or bishopryke throughout the hole partes of the same, & al those persones and euery of them, or such of them, to take, as lease, charge, by straine and paine after the quantitie of their landes, tenementes and rentes, by the number of acres and perches after the rate of euery persones profytte, rente or tenure or after the quantitie of their common of pasture or profit, appender or other comodities ther, by such wayes and meanes, and in such maner and fourme, as to you, or sixe of you, wherof A. B. & C. to be thre shal seme mooste conuenient to be ordeyned and done for the reedifying, makynge newe, and enclosing as is aforesayd. And also to depute and assygne diligent saythfull and true keepers, Bayliffes, Surueiours, Collectours, Expensetours, and other ministers and officers, such as you our sayde commissioners that shal appointe them, wyll aunswere for, for the reedifyinge newe makynge and enclosing, as is aforesayd, and fynishynge of the premises and euery of them. And to heare the accomptes of the Collectours, and other ministers of & for the receipt & laying out of the money that shalbe leuied and payd in and about the sayde reedifyinge, newe makynge, enclosing and fynishynge of the premises

ses and of euery percel therof, and to distrayne for arerages of eue-
 ry such collection, take or assessment, as often as shalbe expedient, or
 otherwyle to punyssh the debtors and Deteyners of the same, by fy-
 nes, amerciamentes, paines, and other like meanes after your good
 discretions. And also to arrest, and take as manye cartes, oxen, bea-
 stes, and other instrumentes necessarye, and as many workemen &
 labourers as for the doyng, making and finishinge of the premises,
 shal suffice, paying for the same competent wages, salary and stiped
 And also to take suche & as many trees, wooddes, vnderwooddes,
 quickettes, stone and tymber, and other necessaryes, as for the same
 workes, & reparacions shalbe sufficient at a reasonable pryce by you
 or sixe of you, of the whiche we will that A. B. C. shalbe thre to be as-
 sessed or limited aswel within the limittes and boundes aforesayde
 as in anye other place or places, within the sayd county countyes or
 county palentyne. And to make and ordeyne statutes, ordinaunces
 and prouisions, from tyme to tyme as the case shal require for þ safe
 gard, conseruacion, redresse, correction, & reformation of the premis-
 ses, and of euery of them after the lawes, and customes of Runney
 marhe in the county of Kent, or otherwise by any waies or meanes
 after your own wisdomes and discretions, and to heare and deter-
 mine al and singuler the premises, aswel at our seute as at the seute
 of any other whatsoeuer cōplayning before you, or sixe of you, wher-
 of A. B. C. shalbe thre after the lawes and customes aforesayde, or
 otherwise, by any other waies or meanes after your discretions. And
 also to make and Direct wyttes, preceptes, warrauntes, and other
 comaundementes, by vertue of these presentes to al Seriffes, Bay-
 liffes and al other ministers, officers and other persons, aswel with
 in the libertyes as wythout before you or sixe of you wherof the said
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 same. And finallye we do giue vnto you or to any numbze of you be-
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 thorite to do al and euery thing, and thynges whych shalbe requy-
 site for the due execution of the premysles, by all wayes and meanes
 after your discretions. And therfore we comaund you that at certain
 daies and places, whē and wher you, or sixe of you wherof the saide
 A. B. C. to be thre shall thinke expedient, ye shall meete together &
 suruey the sayde countyes and byshopryke, as is aforesayd, and ac-
 complishe, fulfyl, here and determine, al and singuler the premises
 in due fourme and to the effect aforesaid after your good discretions
 And all suche, as ye shal finde negligent, gaynsaynge or resistinge
 your doynges & proceedinges, in and for the due executiō of this our
 Commission, that ye do compel them by distresse, fynes, or amercia-
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ments, or by other reasonable punishmentes, waies, or menes, which to you, or sixe of you, wherof. A. B. C. shalbe thre, shal seme most expedient for the speedy remedy and redresse therof.

And al such thynges as by you shal bee made and ordeyned in thys be halfe, aswel within the liberties as without, that ye doe cause the same fynely to be obserued, doing therein as to your Justices apperteyneth after the forme and effectte of this present commission, and the act of parliament concerning the premisses made and prouided and according to your wysedoms, and discretions. Sauyng alwayes to vs such fines & amerciamentes as to vs therof shal belong. And we also commaund aswel our sherife or shryffes of our sayd countyes of Northumberland, Cumberlande, Westmerland, and the bishoprick of Durham and euerye of theym, as all and other Baylifes Ministers and officers within the sayde countyes and county Palentyne that thei and euery of them shal cause to come before you and sixe of you, of the whiche. A. B. C. shalbe thre, at such dayes and places, as ye shal appoint vnto them, such and as many honest menne of his or theyr baylywyke or towmes, aswel within the liberties, as without by whom the trueth may be best knowen, to enquire of the premisses or any parte therof, commaundyng also al the sayde shryffes, ministers and officers aswel wythin the libertyes as wythout, that they and euerye of them shalbe attendaunt to you in and about the dewe execution of this our commissiō. In witness wherof we haue caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness our selfe at.

the daye of in the yeares of our
reignes.

And it is also enacted, that euery such person, as shalbe named commissioner in the sayd commission, after that he shal haue knowledg thereof, shal effectuallye put his diligence, and attendaunce in and about the execution of the sayde Commission. And he shal take a coppyal of the before the Lord Chauncelour or before such to whom the sayd Lord Chauncelour, shal direct the kynge's wyttes of *Quidam* potestate, to take the same, or beefore the Justices of the peace, in the quarter Sessions holden in the shyre where suche Comission shalbe dyrected. The tenoure of whiche othe hereafter ensueth. He shall sweare that you to your conynge, wytte, and power, shall truely and indifferentlye execute the authoryty to you gyuen by this commissiō, without any fauour, affection, corruption, dread, or malice, to be borne to any maner persō or persons, and as the case shal requyre you shal consent and endeavour your selfe for your part, to the best of your knowledg, and power to the making of such whollome, Just, equall and indifferent lawes and ordinaunces, as shalbe made and diuised by the most discrete and indifferent number of your felowes
be.

being in Commission with you, for the making, erection, and preservation, of all and every such thinges, as are contayned and specified in the sayde Commission. And the same Lawes, and Ordinaunces, to your conning, wytt, and power, cause to be put in dewe execution without fauor, meede, dread, malice, or affection, as god you helpe, and al Saynctes.

And ouer that bee it enacted, that the Commissioners, hereafter to be named in any of the sayd commissions, according to the purport and effecte of the same Commissiouns, shall haue full power and authority to make constitute and ordeyne Lawes Ordinaunces, and Decrees, concerninge the premisses, and further to doo all and every thing, mentioned in the sayde Commission, according to the purport effect, wordes, and trewe meaning of the same, and the same Lawes Decrees, and ordinaunces, so made to refoyme, repel and amend and make new from time to time, as the cases necessary shal requyre.

Provided alwaye and bee it enacted that yf any personne or persones being assessed, or taxed, to any Lot, or tace, or chardge, for any Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditaments, within the Lymittes of anye Commission hereafter to be directed by vertue of this acte, doo not pay the sayd lotte, tace, and charge accordinge to the ordinaunce and assignement of the Commissioners, hauing power of the execution of the sayde Commission by reason whereof it shal happen, the sayde commissioners hauinge power of the execution of such commission for lacke of paymente of suche lotte, tace, and chardge, to decree and ordeyne the same Landes, Tenementes, & hereditamentes from the owner or owners therof, & their heires, and theyrs, executours, and assignes, of every of them, to any persō or persons, for terme of yeres term of lyfe, in fee simple, or fee taylor, for payments of the same lotte tace, and chardge. That then every such Decree, and ordinaunce, soo by theym made, ingrossed in parchment, and certified vnder theyr Seales into the Courte or Chauncerye, wyth the kinges or the queenes, her heyres or successours, royall assente, hadde to the same, shall bynde al and every person and personnes, that at the making of the same decree had any right and interest in the same, theyr heyres, and successours for ever.

Provided alwayes and bee it enacted, that no order or decree so be made by the sayde Commissioners or anye of them, shall bynde, or conclude, anye right or Interest of any person or personnes, nor the breach of anye decree or order shalbe cause of forfeiture, of the righte or interest, of any person or persons, excepte the same decree, and ordinaunce, so made by the sayde Commissiouners, and lipe of theym, wherof. A. B. C. shalbe the, be ingrossed in parchment, and certified vnder theyr seales into the Courte of Chauncerye, and that the roy-

all assent of the king and Quene her heires and successours, by which
had to the same.

Provided also and be it enacted that every decree and ordinance
so hadde, made certified and assented vnto shall bynde al and every
person & persons, that at the making of the same decree had any inte-
rest, in the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes so decreed, in the
possession, reuersion, or remainder their heires and feoffes, and eve-
ry of them. And not to be in any wise resourmed onles it be by au-
thority of parliament hereafter to be sommoned and holden within
this Realme. Sawing to all and every persō and personnes bodies
politike and corporate theyr heires and successours, other then such
as shal forfeite by this Estatute theyr Interesse in the same landes
tenementes or hereditamentes, in possession reuersion or remainder
al such interest and title, as they or any of them shal haue at the time
of the same forfeitures.

And also it is provided by authority aforesayde that the same
Lawes, ordinances, and decrees, to be made & ordeyned by the said
Commissioners or sixe of them by authority of the sayd Commis-
sion, shall bynde aswel the Landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes
of the Quene our Soueraygne Lady her heires, and Successours
as al and every other person and persons, and theyr heires for such
their interest as thei shal fortune to haue or may haue in any landes
tenementes, or hereditamentes, or other casual profyt, aduantage
or commodity whatsoeuer they be wherevnto the said lawes ordi-
nances, and decrees shal in any wise extend according to the true
purpote, meaning and intent of the same lawes.

And it is furthermore by the authority aforesayd established and
enacted, that yf any manner persō or persons of what estate or degre
soeuer he or they be that from henceforth doth take vpon him or the
to sit by vertue of any of the sayde Commissiōs, not beyng before
sworne, insofne as is aforesaid and according to the tenor of the oth
afore specified. Or yf any person so named and sworne, do sitte as is
aforesayd, dwelling within the sayd twenty myles or not having
Landes and Tenements, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple, fee
taille, or for terme of lyfe to the cleare yerely valew of forty pounds
abone al charges, to his owne vse except he be learned in the lawes
of this Realme, that is to saye admytted in one of the foure prynci-
pal Innys of Court, for an vnder barrestor and not dwelling within
the sayd .xx. myles, shal forfeite forty poundes for every time that
he shal attempt so to do, the one halfe therof to be to our soueraygne
Lord and Ladye, the kyng and the quene her heires & successours
the other halfe therof to thuse of him or the that wyll sue therfore by
action of debt, by l. playnt, or information, in any of the Quenes courts

tes, in whiche action or suite no wager of lawe shalbe admitted, nor any esoyne or protection shalbe allowed. And if any action of trespass or other suit shal happen to be attempted against any person or persons, for takinge of any distresse, or any other act doyng by auctorite of the said Commission, or by auctorite of any lawes or ordinaunces made by vertue of the sayd commission, the defendaunt or defendantes in any such action shall and may make auoury, conisaunce, or iustificatiō for the taking of the same distresse, or other act doyng touching the premisses or any of them alleging in such auoury, conisaunce or iustificatiō, that the said distresse, trespass, or other acte, whereof the playntife complaineth was done by auctorite of the commission, for the surueyinge of the countyes of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Bishoprike of Durham, made and provided, or for such act or cause as the sayd defendaunt dyd by auctorite of the said Commission, and according to the tenor purpose and effect of this present acte, made the second & thyrde yeares of the reygne of oure soueraygne lord and Lady king Philyppe and Quene Mary, without any expressing or rehearsal of any other matter or circumstance conteyned in thys present act, or any comission lawes estatutes or ordinaunces therupon to be made, wherby the playntife shalbe admitted to reply that the defendaunt did take the sayde distresse or do any other acte or trespass supposed in his declaration of his owne wronge wythoute any such cause alleged by the sayd defendaunt wherby the issue in every such action shalbe ioynd to be tryed by verdyte of .xii. men, and none other wyse, as is accustomed in other personall actions, and upon the triall of that issue the whole matter to be geue on both parties in euidence according to the verye truth of the same. And after such issue tryed for the defendaunt or nonsuit of the playntife after appearaunce, the same defendaunt to recouer treble Damgages by reason of his wrongfull beaction in that behalfe with his costes also in that part susteyned, and that to be assessed by the same Jury or wyttie to enquire of Damgages, as the cause shal requyre.

And it is also enacted that every of the sayd Commissioners shal haue and perceyue foure Shillings, for every day that they shal take payne in the execution of thys commission, and one Clarke, by theym to be assigned two Shillings for everye daye of the rates, taxes, lotties, and Summes of money that shalbe assessed, or lost by thaurthority of the sayde Commission, and to be leuyed, and payde by theyr discretions. And the sayd commissioners, or sixe of them shall haue power and auctorite to limit, and assygne such reasonable summes of money to the sayd Clarke, for wytyng of bookes, and proces concerning the premisses, and to the Collectours, expenditors, and such other

other as shal take paine in the due execution of the sayd commission, the same to be leuied by distresse or other wise oute of the landes, so surueyed as by the discretions of the sayd commissioners, or Sixe of theym, whereof. A. B. C. to be thre, shalbe thought reasonable.

Prourded alwaye that whensoever and as often as suche commission, as is afore limited, shalbe made and dyrected, to anye person or personnes, for the information and amendement of or in anye of the premisses, specified in the sayd commission, within the fees liberties or possession of the Duchy of Lancaster, that the such Commissioners as shal execute any such commission, shalbe alwayes named and appoynted as is abovesayd. And that in every such case, two commissions shalbe awarded and made accordyng to the tenoure of the Commission aboue expresse, one thereof vnder the great Seale of Englande and the other vnder the Seale of the same Duchy as before tyme hath bene accustomed. Any thing afore rehearsed in this present acte, to the contrary thereof notwithstandinge.

And it is further enacted, that the sayde commission from tyme to tyme, as the case shal requyre shalbe had and obteyned withoute any monie, or other charge, to be payde for the Seales or wytyng of the same.

And it is further enacted, that euery Commission to bee made by auctorite of this acte shal indure and continue for the terme of seven yeares next after the rest of the commissions. Neuerthelesse after anye Commission made and deliuered out of the court of Chauncery, the kinge and Quenes hyghnesses and theyr and successours of the Quene, shal alwaies at theyr pleasures bi wyte of superledeas oute of the sayde courte of Chauncery, at anye tyme dyscharge alwel euery such commission as euery commissioner that shalbe made or named, by auctorite of this acte, after which discharge the said Commissioners, so discharged, shal haue no power nor auctorite, to procede in the execution of their commission, nor in any thing by auctorite of this acte.

Prourded alwayes that whensoever and as often as suche commission as is afore limited, shalbe made and directed to any person or persons, for the reformation & amendement, of or in any of the premisses, specified in the sayd commission, within the fees, liberties and possessions of the Byshopryke of Durham, or wythin the fees liberties and possessions of any other place, wher ther is liberty and iurisdiction of Countye Palentyne that in every such case two commissions shalbe awarded, and made accordyng to the tenor of the commission aboue expresse, one thereof vnder the greates Seale of Englande, and the other vnder the Seale of the Countye Palentyne in manner and fourme as is aboue prourded, for the Duchye of Lancaster,

after, any thing afore rehearsed in this present acte to the contrarie notwithstandyng. And neuertheles be it enacted, that if the officers of the sayd Duchy, or of the sayd Bishopryche, or county Palentine, do not deliver the commission by theym or one of theym to be made wythin sixe dayes after the requeste shall be made for the same, that then the commission vnder the great seale onely, shall procede in the sayd county palentyne, wythout any other commission.

And it is provided and also enacted, that the roial assent limited to be had vnto the lawes and ordinaunces to be made by the said commissioners, as is aboue sayde, shalbe certified into the sayde court of Chauncery vnder the pryvy seale, and that ther shal not any summe of money be payde for the same pryvy seale.

Provided alwayes, that the Chauncelloures and suche other as shal haue the custody of the seales of the sayde Bishopryche of Durham, or within the fees, libertyes, and possessions of any other place where there is liberty and iurisdiction, of the county palentyne vpon reasonable request, and vpon the sight of the commission, vnder the grete Seale of England, shal without delaye, make oute an other commission vnder the seale of the sayd county palentyne accordyng to the tenor of the commission to them shewed vnder the great seal, and to those commissioners named in the same Commission and to none other, nor in other maner.

And be it further enacted and established by thauthorytpe afore-
said, that al charges and summes of mony hereafter to be rated and
raised by vertue of such commissyon vpon any of the lades tenementes
hereditamentes of our soueraygne Lady the quene, her heires or
successours, for anye maner of thing or thinges concerning the ar-
ties of this commission, shal be gathered and leuyed by distresse, or
otherwise in like maner and fourme, as shall or maye be done in the
landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of any other person or per-
sons, and that all bylles of acquitaunce, sygned with the hande or
handes of suche Collectour or receyuour, as shal haue the collection
therof by the appoyntment of the said Commissioners, or sixe of the,
shalbe as well a sufficient discharge, to the tenants, fermors, and
occupiers of the same groundes so to be charged for the said summe
therewith theyr groundes shal be so charged, as alsoo a sufficiente
arraunte to al and euery the receyuers, auditors, and other what
ouer officer or officers, of our sayde soueraygne lord and lady the
king and quene, her heires and successours for the allowaunce to such
tenant, fermor, or occupier of the same. Provided also and be it en-
acted, that the sayd commissioners shal not let nor let any part or per-
cel of the premisses, nor shal not medle with the rating, renting or va-
luing of any part or percel of the premisses, but the same shal remaine
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the makynge of this act, except it be for the causes of forfeiture above specified, any thing hertofore mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all issues and forfeiture, fines, and amerciaementes, which shall hereafter happen, and grow, by any occasion whatsoever by virtue or colour of this act or any commission to be made by the authority of the same, as well within the liberties and counties palatine as without, whither they shall seeme to be due to the kyng and quenes maiesties, her heires and successors or to any other person or persons, or bodies politicke or corporate, shall be leuyed, imploied and conuerted, in and aboute the charges and expences concerninge the execution of this act, in such sort, maner and forme, as by the said commissioners or any of them, wherof thre to be of the Quorum, shall be ordered, adiudged or decreed. Any thing in this acte, or in any commission aforesaid to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided alwayes that this estatute shall onely continue for ten yeares next after the ende of the session of this parliament. And thenceforth to the ende of the nexte parliament then next followinge.

An acte for the reedeying of decayed houses of husbandry and for the increase of tillage.

The seconde Chapter.



Where as by an estatute made in the fourth year of the reygne of king Henry the seventh, it was ordeined, enacted, and establisshed, that no person of what estate, degree, or condition that he were, that then had any house, or houses, that within anye time within the hundred yerres then passed, had bene or that then were or after should be letten to ferme with twenty acres of lande at least or more lyinge in tillage and husbandrye that the owner or owners of every such house or houses and lande, shoulde be bounde to kepe, susteyne and maynteyne houses and buyldinges vpon the sayde ground, and land, conuenient and necessary for the mainteyning and vpholdinge of the sayde tillage and husbandrye. And if anye such owner or owners of anye suche house or houses, and lande, dyd take, kepe, and occupie any such house, or houses, and lande, in his or theyr owne handes, that the sayde owner or owners by the same authority, shoulde be bound in like wyse to kepe and maintayne houses and buyldinges vpon the sayd groundes and lande conuenient and necessary for the maintayninge and vpholdinge of the sayde tillage and husbandrye. And yf any man dyd contrary to the premises or anye of them, that

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then it shoulde be lawefull to the kynge (yf anye suche landes or houses were holden of hym immediately) or to the lordes of the fees, yf anye suche landes were holden of them, immediately to receiue yerely halfe the value of the issues and profytes of anye suche landes, whereof the whole or howles were not so mayntayned or susteyned, and the same halfe of the issues and profytes to haue holde and kepe to hys or their owne vse, wythout anye thynge therfore to be payd or geuen to any tyme as the sayde house or houses shoulde be sufficiently buylded or repaired agayne. And that noo maner of free holde shoulde be in the kyngdome in anye suche lord or lordes, by the takynge of anye suche profytes of or in anye suche landes in no maner of fourme but onelye the kyng and the sayde Lord or lordes, shoulde haue power to take receiue and haue the sayde issues and profytes as is abouesayde, and therfore the kyng or the sayd lord or lordes to haue power to distrein in the same issues and profytes to be had and perceyued by them in anye fourme aforesayde by the auctorite of the sayde acte. As by the sayde acte moze at large it doth and maye appeare.

forasmuch as the sayde act is good and profitable to the common wealth, it is therfore ordeined that the sayd acte and euerye braunch therein shalbe from henceforth put in due execution, and remaine and continue in force for euer moze.

And whereas the prouision in the sayde acte doth onelye extend to house or houses, haupng twentye acre of lande at leaste, or moze lye in tyllage and husbandrye vppon the interpretatyon of whiche wordes some doubt hath rysen. Be it enacted by the auctorite of this present Parliament, that the sayde estatute and the penalty and purpauce of the same, shal from henceforth extend to houses to be decayed that haue or hereafter shall haue twentye acres of grounde or more to them lying or belongyng, whether the same or any parte thereof hath bene or shalbe vyled or put in tyllage or not, the sayde twentye acres to be accompted and measured, after the quantitie, rate and measure of the Statute or ordinaunce, called the Statute treatyce of ordinaunce, de terris mesurandis, and not otherwise, anye vse or custom or other thynge whatsoener to the contrarye thereof notwithstanding.

And for a further prouision for reedifyinge of houses decayed and restoring of pasture ground to tyllage and for encrease of corne.

Be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite of this presente Parliament that the kyng and Quenes hyghnes and theyr and successours of the Quenes Maiestie, shall and maye at all tymes hereafter as often as to them shall seme needefull, and conueniente, a warde, theyr

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thei hyghnes Commysyon or Commysions vnder the great Seale of England to be directed to such persons as to them shall seme mete, hable and conueniente, wherof thre at the least shalbe of the Quorum, aucthorisynge them thereby, or foure of them at the least wherof two to be of the Quorum, to execute and se execute this present acte accordyng to the true entente, effecte, and meanyng of the same, the whiche commysyoners or foure of them at the least, wherof two to be of the Quorum, by vertue of the sayd Commysyon, and of this presente acte shal haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire heare, and determine by the othes of twelue men, or by information or other lawfull wayes and meanes, vled in other cases, in any of the kyng and quenes hyghnes or dynary courtes of recorde, al and synguler defaultes and offences committed or done, since the feast of Saynte George, the Martyr, in the .xx. yere of the raygne of the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the eyght, or hereafter to be committed or done, aswell contrary to the tenor and effecte of the sayde former acte, as contrary to one other acte made in the parlyamente holden in the seventh yere of the raygne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eight, intituled, an acte auoyde lettynge downe of townes. And also to enquire, here, order, and determine by the sayde wayes and meanes, all groundes whatsoeuer conuerted, from tyllage to pasture, synce the sayde feast of S. George the martyr, in the sayde twentye yere of the sayde raygne of the sayde kyng Henry the eyght, or hereafter to be conuerted from tyllage to pasture, and also of all grounde in or nere any coyne feld netwylke or imploied sithence the sayde feast, or hereafter netwylke to be vled imploied or conuerted to the keepynge of Connyes, not beyng lawfull warren, and whereby anye coine of anye person or persons, other than the owner of the same Connyes, sithence the sayde feast, hath bene or hereafter shalbe decayed, destroyed or consumed, and the sayde commysyoners, or foure of them, wherof two to be of the Quorum, shal take order and direction, for the reformation of suche offences, decayes and defaultes in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye: they or foure of them at the least wherof two to be of the Quorum, shal bynde by recognisaunce in good summes of money, to be knowledged to the vse and behouse of our Soueraygne Lorde the kyng and our Soueraygne Ladye the Queene, her heyres and Successours, whiche recognisaunce by this acte, they shal be enabled to take the personne or personnes, fyrste offendynge and gyltye, in anye of the foresayde decayes or defaultes, and then beyng or contynuyng owner in fee Symple, fee Tayle, for terme of lyfe, for terme of yeres, or by Coppye of Courte Rolle, in possession or in reuersyon, or remainynge

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 or of ten acres percell thereof, or of suche grounde conuerted from tyl-
 lage to pasture, or of suche ground whych is or shalbe vsed or imploied
 to the keeping of connyes as is aforesayd or any of the in such summes
 of money, as to such commissioners shal seme reasonable for the reedy-
 fyng of such decayed houses, and for the conuerting of such ground so
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 minishyng and destroying of connyes, within suche conuenient tyme
 and in suche maner & fourme, as to the same commissioners or foure
 of them wherof two to be of the Quorum, shal seme mete and conueni-
 ent and by their discretion shalbe sette limited and appointed. And
 yf the offender or offenders do dwel in any other Shyre, or canne not
 be gotten to be bounden by recognisaunce before the sayde commissio-
 ners as is aforesayd. That then the sayde Commissioners or foure of
 the wherof two to be of the Quorum shal take such other order for the
 redifyng of the houses and conuerting the groundes to tyllage and
 destroying of connyes, accordinge to thys estatute as shalbe thoughte
 mete by their discretions, and shal cause the same their order to be en-
 tred of recoorde within one moneth after their said order made, & shal
 within the same moneth deliuer or cause to be deliuered, the coppye of
 their sayd order sygned and sealed by them or foure of theym to the te-
 nant sermo or seruaunt, keepyng, residyng or inhabitynge the ground
 or place for the whiche the order shalbe made, to the intente the same
 maye bee deliuered ouer or declared to the sayde owner or owners,
 that shal or oughte to bee charged by or wyth the same. And yf the
 place, in whych anye suche decayed house or houses, hath bene or
 shalbe scituate, shalbe founde in the handes of anye person or persons
 other then such person or persons as fyrst did suffre or make the sayde
 decaye, then the sayd commissyoners or foure of them wherof two to
 be of the Quorum shal and may order and enioyne al and euerye person
 and persons hauinge the immediate and present inheritaunce in the
 sayde groundes & places wherein any of the foresayde decayes shalbe
 founde as is aforesayd, to reedifye and buyld againe the same decayed
 house eyther in the sayde place where it was decayed or nere vnto the
 same, within the same towne, paryshe, or hamlet, within suche tyme &
 in suche sort as to the sayd Commissioners or foure of theym wherof
 two to be of the quorum, shal seme reasonable & conuenient. And shal
 further aslesse and take al and euerye person and personnes haupnge
 any perticuler estate in the sayde groundes, belongyng to anye suche
 house decayed, for terme of lyfe, yeaers, or by coppye of Courte Rolle,
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byldinge in suche Summe or Summes of money to be payde to the foresayd person hauinge the immediate and present inheritance, and beyng ordyed and enioyned to reedifye the same, as to the sayde commissioners, or foure of them wherof two to be of the Quorum, shal seme mete and reasonable, hauinge respecte and regarde to the seuerall estate, and termes of all and euerye the sayde perticuler tenauntes and to the commodities, profyttes, and emolumentes, thereto seuerallye and respectiue, belonging, and also hauinge respecte to suche covenantes, grauntes, agreementes, and condicions as bee, or shalbe conteyned in anye lawefull wytyng made concerning the estate of anye of the persons to bee charged for the sayde reedification, or for the contribution of anye thing towarde the same freholde, estate remainder or reuertion as is aforesayde accoꝝdyng to their seueral interest, estates commodities and proffittes.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayde that all and euerye personne and personnes bodies politicke and corporate that shall haue anye estate or interest, in anye of the sayde houses, places or groundes wherein anye of the aforesayde decayes shalbe committed & founde, or presented as is beforesayde from or by any person or personnes so ordered and enioyned as is aforesayde, shalbe charged and chargeable accoꝝdyng to his or their estate or estates, commodities, and proffittes in the same, in lyke sorte and manner as he or they frome whome or by whome the same estate or estates, shall bee by anye meanes deriued or conueyed, should or oughte to haue ben by force of the sayde commandement and iniunction. And also that the person or persons that shall be appoynted or charged by the sayde orders & iniunctions, or by this estatute, to reedifye anye of the decayed houses beforesayde and to haue anye contribution, rate, or summe of moneye or other thynge of anye others towarde the same, shall and maye by vertue hereof haue one action of dette for the same agaynste the partye or parties, appoynted to paye the same, and agaynste theyr heyres executours or assignes in anye of the kynge and queenes Maiesties, or dinarye Courtes of record, or shal sue for the same by information before the sayde Commissioners or foure of them, wherof two to be of the Quorum. In whiche suit no iniunction wager of law protection nor essoigne shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And yf anye partie or parties that should or oughte to paye or geue any Summe of money, or other thing in contribution as aforesayde, shal vpon a reasonable request thereof to be made wythfulle refuse or delaye to paye or geue the same. That then the playner vpon his sute to haue and recouer treble Damages agaynste the sayd defendaunte.

And further bee it enacted that yf the sayde ground or groundes so conuerted from tyllage to pasture, or used or employed to the keeping

of conueyes, to the destruction of corne as is abovesaid shalbe founde in the handes or possession of any person or persones, other then suche as dyd conuerthe the sayde groundes from tillage to pasture, or vse or employe the sayd groundes with conueyes, as is aforesayde, that then the sayde Commyssioners or foure of theym whereof two to be of the Quorum, shall and maye order and enioyne the occupiers of the sayd ground or groundes so conuerted from tyllage to pasture, or soo vled or employed to the keepyng of conueyes as is aforesayde to tourne the same agayne into tyllage, or to destroye or dymynyshe the sayde conueyes kepte vpon the same ground within suche tyme and vppon such paynes as by them shalbe limited and appoynted.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that euery such order and intunction aboue mentioned, shalbe entred of recoorde and the coppe therof wrytten in parchment, and sygned & Sealed by the sayde Commyssioners or foure of theym whereof two to be of the Quorum, and delyuered to the occupier or occupiers of the grounde or place wherein anye of the aforesayd offences, decayes or defaultes, shalbe founde as is aforesayde, to thintent, the same may be deliuered ouer or declared to al such other person as shal or ought to be bounden or charged by the same.

And further be it enacted by thauthozitye aforesayde, that the sayde Commyssioners or foure of them wherof two to be of the Quorum shal & may haue power and auctoritie by force of the sayd Commyssion and of thys acte, to commytte euery personne refusynge to be bounde by recognysaunce as is aforesayd, and euery the sayde pertypuler tenautes refusynge to declare to the sayde comissioners or foure of them, wherof two to be of the Quorum, how long or what his sayde pertypuler estate is, to prysen into the next Gaole in the sayde countye there to remayne without bayle or maynepysse until he shalbe bounde in recognysaunce as is aforesayde, or shew or declare his or their pertypuler estate or estates in the premysse to the sayde comissioners or foure of them wherof two to be of the quorum, as is aforesayde.

And bee it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that the shyppes and all other mynysters, within the countyes where suche Sessions shalbe appointed shalbe attendaunt vpon the sayd comissioners and shal retourne before them al suche proses and preceptes as they shal haue in commaundement to do, and be obedient vnto theim as they are bounde to bee to the Iustices of peace or of Oyer, and determine at al tymes and places for the execution of the sayde Commyssion and of thys acte. And the same Commyssioners or foure of them wherof two to be of the quorum shal haue power & auctorite to enquire here and determine as is aforesayd, of, for & vpon al forfeitures recognysaunces, and breaches of orders, and Iunctions that shalbe taken

taken, knoweledge or made before the sayd commissioners, or four of them, and to assesse such fynes and amerciaments as to them shal seme mette and conueniente vppon the sheriffe, and other offycers and personnes, whatsoeuer makynge defaulte, and for contempres and other misdeameanors before them. And shal haue auctorite to retourne all impanalles to bee retourned befoze them as the Justices of peace maye do.

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And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that euery of the Commissioners shal haue for euery day he shal sit to execute this commission, tenne shyllinges, and to the clerke that shal serue and wyrite al proces and other records befoze the sayde Commissioners, thre shyllinges and foure pence, the same to bee payed by the Sheriffe or clerke of the courte, of the fynes, forfeitures and amerciaments, that shal arysse or bee sessed for anye matter or defaulte before the sayde Commissioners, and the Sheriffe, to bee allowed vppon his accompte for the same, Soe that the same bee noted and specyfied in the estreate signed by the Commissioners or four of them whereof two to be of the Quorum.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the sayde Commissioners or anye of them by vertue of this acte shal not haue power or auctorite to do anye thyng touching the offences or defaultes aforesayde contrary to the ordinaunce or purueuance of any estatute, hertofore made or to the excludon or taking awaye of anye benefite or libertie permitted or layed to any maner of person by any prouision in anye of the sayd statutes contrary to the effecte of anye lycence heretofore graunted by the Kinge and Queenes highnes, or the Queenes highnes, or any of the auncesours or predecessours of the Queenes highnes, soe that the same lycence be shewed to them, or four of them, vnder seale before conuiction of the offence or defaultes aforesayde. Any thyng aforesayde to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And for as muche as it is lyke to be that some houses hauing twentye acres of grounde or more, to them lyngge or belongingge, be decayed withoute anye willinge defaulte in them that had the inheritaunce or possession thereof, as by fyre, breaches, and surroundingge of waters, or by destruction of enemyes, or rebelles, or of suche as hadde perticuler estates therein withoute impechement of waste, or by such other lyke meanes or wayes, and that they who by the ordinaunce aforesayde, shoulde reedifie the same, are of such pouertie that they can not by all entendement reedifie or buylde vp al the same houses agayne.

And for as muche also as some perchaunce haue erecte and builded vpon new houses in some other places vpon the same landes lying to said houses

houses, or vpon some other lande nere thereunto in leue and place of the house decayed, whiche are as auayleable to the common wealthe as the new reedifying of the decayed houses in the olde places shoulde be, in whiche cases equitye requireth, they shoulde not be punished for the sayde decaye.

And for as muche as it lyke to bee that some grounde conuerted from tyllage into pasture is deuyded into dyuers small percelles remaininge and being in dyuers and seuerall mens handes, so that anye one part wyl not be sufficient to kepe a plow vpon. And for that some groundes haue been tyllid for destroyinge of mosse bushes, browne tyres, heathe, and not onely to be continued in tyllage and suche like. And that also some demeanes in the absence of the owners haue been deuoyded to sondry occuppers who haue tyllid the same, not beyng commonly vsed to tillage before the sayd feast of, S. George, & for that dyuers other perticuler cases maye fortune to be, whiche the generall purueyance of this estatute can not remedy wythoute greater hurte then good to be done bi the same. And for that also that in some places of this Realme it is not necessarye the purueyance of this estatute to extend and to be fully executed, but in some places and vpon some occasions or causes, it maye more conueniently be spared then put in vze, & is therefore necessarye to referre suche thynges with al other circumstances, to the discrecions of the commissioners who maye more perfectly vnderstande the same.

Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by thauthoryte of this present parlyament that the sayd commissioners or fowre of theym at the leaste whereof two to bee of the Quorum, shall and maye consider the sayd cases, and such other lyke, and vse their discretions in temporizing and qualesying of the sayed general purueyance of this or any of the forsayde former estatutes, and in ordering the sayd cases & such other lyke, and to omitte the execution and penaltie of this acte, and of the other former actes accordyngely, as to the wisdomes and discretions of them or fowre of them at the leaste, whereof two to be of the Quorum shalbe thought most necessarye. This acte or the aforesayde former actes in anye wyse notwithstandinge. And shall haue power and authoryte to cancell Recognisaunces taken beefore theym, and not appearinge to theym forseyted, yf it shall seme to theym or fowre of theym, whereof two to bee of the Quorum, meete and conuenient.

And it is further ordered and enacted by thauthorytie of this presente parlyamente that where as any grounde by meanes of this acte shal fortune hereafter to be conuerted from pasture into tillage accordyng to thintente of this acte, whiche ground is chargeable with any

rente reserved since the time the same ground was converted from tillage to pasture, and which was reserved and made the greater, in consideration that the same was so converted from tillage into pasture or sowed with cornes, that al such rentes yf they be greater then the ground turned into tillage, or the ground by reason of the destruction of Cornes is worth, shalbe abated and appoynted by the sayd Commissioners or foure of theym, whereof two to be of the Quorum, accordynge to theyr discretions, yf they shall thinke the same so meette.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by thauthoertye aforesayde that the retayninge or none payment of any suche partye or portion of anye rentes that shalbe abated or deducted by the Commissioners as as is aforesayde, shalbe no breach or forfeiture of any bonde, penalty covenant, graunte, or condityon to be conteyned in anye Indenture, bonde, obligatoire, or other wyrtynge, agremente, or promise whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by thauthoertye aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners or foure of them, wherof two to be of the Quorum, shal haue power and authoertye by vertue hereof to make and direct forth preceptes and proses, aswel to the shyre of the county as to all other freholdes and personnes that oughte to attende or appeare before the sayde Commissioners for the tryall answeringe or prouinge of anye offence agaynst this estatute or agaynst any of the aforesayde former estatutes, to appeare before them at any day and tyme that the sayde Commissioners or foure of them wherof two to be of the Quorum shal limite or appoynt, and vpon the appearaunce of the sayd persons to geue daye ouer from tyme to tyme, as they shal thinke mete,

And be it enacted by thauthoertye aforesayde, that yf any such person or personnes as presentely haue, or hereafter shal haue any houses buylded, or reedified, or to be reedified, or anye groundes to be converted to tillage, accordynge to the tenoure and effecte of this estatute, or any of the aforesayde estatutes, that then the saide persone or personnes, theyr heires or assignes shal wythin three yeares nexte after the ende of this Session of this Parliamente, dimisse or let to ferme the houses alreadye buylded or reedified wyth the twenty acres of ground, whiche before tyme dyd appertayne and lye to the same, or tenne acres percell thereof, yf there be now no moze of the same landes in theyr handes that hath the houses buylded or reedified, or oughte to reedifye the same, or wyth so muche other landes lyinge conueniente for the sayde house, and shal dymple and lette to ferme the houses hereafter to be reedified wythin two yeares after the same, shalbe so reedified, wyth the twenty acres of Landes, or the tenne acres

acres parcell thereof, or the like numbre of acres as is beforesaide. And yf anye of the sayde houses and lande, shall not bee soo dimished or letten to ferme as is aforesayde. That then the sayde commissioners or foure of them at the leaste, whereof two to be of the Quorum, shal haue power and aucthority by vertue of thys acte, to demyse and lette the sayde house and landes to any personne or persons, hauing no other ferme or tenementes wythin the same parryshe, nor hauynge an action, or sute at that Parlyamente agaynst the owner, and requirynge the same for xii. yeares at the most, for suche reasonable rent and vpon suche reasonable couenautes, as the sayde Commissioners, shall thynke meete for bothe partyes. Soo that they take good assuraunce for the paymente of the rentes and perfoyminge of the couenautes, to the owner of the same as they shal thinke conueniente, vppon whiche leases the owner of the houses and landes, so letten, their executours and assignes and euery of them for the tyme beyng, and also euery such lease, their executours, and assignes, and euerye of theym, shall haue suche remedye and Actions, the one agaynst the other, as they shoulde or myght haue had yf they them selues, had onely been pteyne and partyes, to the sayd leases.

And be it enacted by thauthority aforesayd, that yf anye personne or persons, shalbe condempned or charged with or for any offence that he or they ought not to be charged withal, by this acte or by any of the aforesayd former estatutes. That then the sayde partye or partyes shall and may haue his or their trauers, and remedye therfore in the Sterre chamber befoze the Councel there.

And be it enacted by thauthority aforesayde, that this Estatute shall at the pleasures of the kinge and queenes Maiesties her heyres and successours, bee put in execution, eyther by Commissioners to be appoynted accoꝝdyng to the tenure of this acte, or elles by the Commissioners to bee appoynted by their Maiesties for the execution of certayne statutes thereof made in thys Session of this presente Parlyament.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by thauthority aforesayde that this acte, nor anye thinge therein conteyned shal extende to anye house, or buyldinge made or to bee made by anye tenauntes in dower or other particuler tenaunt wythout thassente of him or them in reuerſion or remainder of estate of inheritaunce, oneles the same house or buyldynge be or shalbe made and erected accoꝝdyng to thintente and puruey of this estatute. Any thinge in this estatute to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And bee it further enacted by thauthority aforesayde, that yf anye person or personnes shalbe conuycted or condempned of or for anye offence or for feytur, of anye recognisaunce or other matter conteyned & specified

specified in this acte, vpon any information at the suite of any partye or parties, that then thone moyte of all suche forfeitures and summes of money as shalbe due for the offence or forfeiture conteyned in the information shalbe to the partye or parties, that shal exhibite and prosecute the same. Anye thinge in this acte or in any of the aforesayde actes to the contrary notwithstanding.

And bee it enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayd that the sayd commissioners or foure of theym at the leaste, whercof two of them to be of the quorum, shal enrol or cause to be enrolled, of recoorde all such orders, prouisions, paynes, penalties, forfeiture, fynes, amerciamentes, condemnations and conuictyons, as shalbe had, made, set, taxed, losse, or forfeited, by reason or occasion of anye matter or thinge conteyned in this acte or in anye of the aforesayde former actes, and the same Records to be well obserued and kepte, in such sorte and order as the said Commissioners or foure of theim, whercof two of theym to bee of the Quorum shal thinke mete and conuenient.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayd that the said Compyllponers or foure of theym at the leaste, shall by vertue hereof haue aucthoritye to make or cause to be made proces for the leuying of all suche amerciamentes fynes Summes of money, and forfeitures that shalbe due to be payed by reason of anye presentment iudgemente recognisaunce or der iniunction assessemente defaulte or other matter, whatsoeuer had, made, geuen, or doen, acco:dyng to the purporte and entente of this estatute, as Justices of peace maye do for anye fynes or forfeitures before them. And the sayd Commissioners or foure of theym whercof two be of the Quorum, shall yearly at the feast of Saynte Myghell tharchangell make or cause to be made estreates, indented of all suche forfeitures penalties fynes amerciamentes, and Summes of money as shalbe due in the yea: nexte before the sayde feast vppon the forfeiture of any recognisaunce or for any of the causes or offences aboue sayed, the same estreates to be subscribed and sealed by the sayd Commissioners or foure of them whercof two to be of the Quorum the one part therof to be sent into the court of Eschequer, at Westmynster within. xl. dayes after Myghelmas. And thother parte therof to be deliuered to the Sheriffe of the Shire, whiche shalbe a sufficient warrant to him and his deputy, to leuy the same in such sorte as he ought or maye leuy the summes conteyned in the estreates, to the shypysse directed for the of the court of Eschequer, and the shypysse to discharge therevith his accoumpt.

And bee it enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayde, that yf anye offender, shall once be condemned, and paye his fyne or forfeiture, for anye of the offences aforesayde in anye court before any Justices or Commissioner, hauing aucthority for that purpose, that then the sayd offender

houre oꝝ offendoures. shall not estelons bee charged agayne foꝝ that offence beyng passed, but shall and maye pleade his former paymente, in barre thereof.

And be it further enacted by thauthoꝝrty aforesaid, that the clerke oꝝ clerkes, that shall wyte the matters and recordes befoꝝe the sayde commissyoners, shall take foꝝ the entry of pleas and other his doynge such fees and none other as shalbe appoynted by the saide commissyoners, oꝝ foure of them, whereof two to be of the Quorum, and wytten in a table that shalbe fixed openly in the place where the Sessions shall be kepte vppon payne that the said clerke so offending shal lose and foꝝseyte to the partye greued, treble the value of that which was so taken and he oꝝ they that shall embesel anye recognisaunce oꝝ recorde shall foꝝ euerye suche offence lose and foꝝseyte. v. li. and bee committed to pylson, vntyl he shal paye the sayde Summe of. v. li. and also make suche other recompence and satisfactio, as the said commissyoners oꝝ foure of them whereof two to be of the Quorum, shal thinke conuenient.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the authoꝝrty aforesayde that this acte oꝝ anye thinge therein conteyned shall extende to charge anye person oꝝ persons that shal kepe any grounde in pasture foꝝ the keepinge of his oꝝ theyꝝ owne hores, kyne, oꝝ other cattell, foꝝ the onelye victuall to be spent in his oꝝ theyꝝ house oꝝ houses.

And be it further enacted by thauthoꝝrty aforesayde, that this acte noꝝ anye thinge therein contryned shall in any wyse extend to reedifye anye chiefe manor place noꝝ anye other houses oꝝ buildinges, but suche as shalbe mete and conueniente foꝝ the fermours oꝝ tenauntes, of anye other fermeholdes, oꝝ tenauntes foꝝ the maintenaunce of the groundes that be oꝝ shalbe assygned oꝝ layd to be occupied with the sayde houses buylded and to be buylded accoꝝdinge to the intent of thys estatute, by the discretion of the sayde commissyoners oꝝ foure of them whereof two to be of the Quorum, noꝝ shall extend to conuerte to tillage any ground not excedinge fyue acres, which is oꝝ shalbe vled and enclosed foꝝ anye garden oꝝ charde hopyarde rapeseede oꝝ foꝝ connyes, foꝝ thonelye prouision of anye mannes house and to be spent in the same, and not beyng hurtfull to the coꝝne of any person oꝝ personnes, other then the owners of the sayde connyes so that the sayd garden, oꝝ charde, hopyarde, oꝝ connygarth shall lye adioynninge oꝝ nigh within one myle to the dwellinge house of the owner thereof, noꝝ shall extende to conuerte anye grounde to tillage, whiche is oꝝ shalbe leste vntylled, and not sowen with coꝝne by reason of the euylnes barennes oꝝ barrenes of the same, vntyll suche tyme as the sayde grounde shalbe apte and mete foꝝ tillage, and to bear coꝝne agayne, as by the sayde Commissioners oꝝ foure of them, whereof two to be of the Quorum, shalbe thoughte conueniente, this estatute oꝝ any other estatute to the contrarye notwithstanding.

And

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayde, that yf any person or personnes at anye time after the Session of this present parliament, shal conuert or turne to pasture any grounde now beyng earable, and kept most commonly in tyllage for the space of twentye yeares last past before the Session of this present parliament, and shal not eare, and breake vp to tillage as much other grounde now beinge pasture within the saide Lordshyppe, or parish where the sayde grounde is conuerted doth ly, within one yeare next after any such conuertyon, & shal not kepe the sayde newe eared ground continually in tillage after anye suche conuersion, onles that for barrennes thereof he or they shal conuerte the same to pasture vppon the lyke order of earinge so muche other grounde beinge pasture, wythin the sayd lordshyppe where such conuersion shalbe made, shal lose and forseyte for every acre conuerted into pasture contrary to the fourme of this act yearely. v. s. thone halfe thereof to the kinge and quenes maiesties, and thother to him or them that wyll sue for the same by byl playnte or information, in anye court of recoorde, wherin no esoygne protection or wager of law, shalbe allowed for the defendaunte. Thys acte to endure to the laste Daye of the next parliament.

An Acte for the keeping of mylch kyne, and for the breedinge and rearing of Calues,

The.iii. Chapter.



Orasmuche as of late yeares a greate number of personnes within this realme haue layde theyr landes, farmes, and pastures, to feedinge of sheepe, oxen, runtes, schrubbes, steeres, and heycfers, and suche other lyke cattell, hauing no regarde or care to bryde and reare vp younge beastes and cattell, whereby is growen greate scarcitye of cattell and victuall necessarye for the sustenaunce of dyuers sortes of people within this realme, and mooze is lyke to be, yf spedye remedy be not prouided.

It is therefore by thauthoritye of thys present parliament enacted that every person, whiche from the feast of the purification of oure lady next ensuinge shal kepe or fede aboue the number of sixe scoore there shepe for the moste parte of the yeare vpon his or her seuerall pastures, landes feadynges or fermes, apte or mete for mylche kyne, and where in no other person hath at the makinge of thys presente acte, common for any cattell of any tyme of the yeare, shal by aucthoritye of this acte yearelye so longe as he shal kepe or fede the sayde number of sixe scoore there shepe, for every thre scoore there shepe so kepte or feedde, kepe one mylche

mylch cowe, and shall brede and reare by yerelely for every fyve scoore
 there shepe so kept as is aforesayde one Calfe, upon payne of forfaiture
 for every moneth that anye suche person, shal not for every thre scoore
 there shepe as is aforesayde, kepe or feede one mylche Cowe, twentye
 shyllinges for every Cowe so not kepte. And for lacke of rearyng and
 breeding of one calfe for every fyve scoore there shepe, to forseyt lykewyse
 twenty shyllinges for every calfe so not reared and fed, and that eve-
 ry person which after the foresayd feast of the Purification of oure la-
 dy, upon his or her severall pastures as afoze is sayd, shal kepe or feede
 aboute the numbre of twentye oxen, runtes, Scrubbes, Steres, hek-
 sayres, or kyne, shal by thauuthoritie of this acte, for every ten bestes
 of the sayd sortes so kept or fedde, kepe and nowrysh one mylche cowe,
 and breede reare and waine yearly and kepe for one whole yere one
 Calfe for every two mylche kyne so charged to be kept upon the seue-
 rall paynes and forfeitures afoze rehearsed, excepte the sayde Calfe, or
 Calles shal chaunce to dye within the sayde yeres, withoute couyn or
 fraude thereto added, thone halfe of which saide forfeitures shalbe to
 the use of our sayd Soueraigne Lozde and Lady the kynge and Que-
 nes Maiesties and the other halfe to thuse of the partye, that within
 one yere after thoffence committed wyl sue for the same in any of the
 kyng and Quenes Maiesties Courtes of record, or before the Justy-
 ces of peace, in the same Shyre, where anye suche cause of forfeiture
 shalbe had at the generall Sessions (who by aucthoritie of thys acte
 shal have power to heare and determine the sayde offences) by byll in-
 formation presentment, action of debte, or Detinue, in whyche accyon
 or luyte no essoigne, protection, wager of lawe or licence to the contra-
 ry shalbe allowed.

Provyded alwayes, that thys acte nor any clause thereof shalbe ex-
 tended to bynde any personne to kepe mylche kyne, ne yet to brede or
 reare calves, as afoze is expessed for such shepe or other bestes, as the
 same person shal kepe and fede to the intente onely to be spente in hys
 or theyr house or houses, without fraude or conyn. This acte to endure
 onely vnto the ende of seven yeres next folowynge the feast of the Pu-
 rification of our Ladye aforesayde, and from thence to the ende of the
 Parlyament then next folowynge.

An acte for the extinguyshment of the fyrst frutes and touchynge
 order and disposition of the tenthes of spirituall and ecclesiastycall
 promotions, and of rectories, and personages improprie-
 ate, remaynyng in the Quenes maiesties handes.

The.iiii. Chapter.

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Here at a Parliament holden at Westminster the third daye of November in the .xxi. yeare of the raygne of oure late Soueraygne Lorde kynge Henry the viii. and vppon prorogation there holden the thyrde daye of November, in the xxvi. yeare of the sayde late kynge, for the maintenaunce of his royall estate then beyng recognised the onely supreme head in earth, next and immediately vnder god, of the church of Englande. It was enacted by the

auctoritie of the sayd parlyamente, that the sayde kynge his heires and successours kynges of thys realme, shoulde haue and enioye from time to time to endure for euer of euery such persō and persons, whiche at any time after the fyrst daye of January, then next commynge, shoulde be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by anye other meanes appoynted to haue anye archbyschoppyshe, byschoppyshe, abbey, monastery, priorye, colledge, hospytall, Archdeaconshe, Deanery, Priouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarege, Chaunterye, Frechappell or other dignitie, Benefice, office, or promotion spirituall within thys realme, or els where within any of the kynges dominions of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, or to, or of whole foundation, patronage or gyfte soeuer they belonged, the fyfte frutes, reuenues, and profytes, for one yeare of euerye suche Archebyschoppyshe, Byschoppyshe, Abbey, Monastery, Priorye Colledge, Hospytall, Archdeaconshe, Deanery, Priouostshyp, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarege, Chaunterye, Frechappell or other dignitie, Benefice, office, or promotion spirituall aforesayd, wherunto anye suche person or persons, shoulde after the sayde fyrst daye of Januarye be nominated elected, prefected, presented, collated or by anye other meanes appoynted, and that euery such person and persons, before any actuall or real possession medlynge or with the profytes of anye such Archebyschoppyshe, Byschoppysch, Abbay, Monastery, Priory, Colledge, Hospytall, Deanery, Priouostshyp, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarege, Chaunterye, Frechappell or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spirituall shoulde satisfie, contente and paye, or compounde or agree to paye to the kynges vse at reasonable dayes vpon good suerties the sayde fyfte frutes and profytes, for one yeare.

And where further in the sayde parliament it was enacted by auctoritie aforesayd that the sayd king his heires and Successours, kynges of thys realme, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of the imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme head, shoulde

should yearly haue take retayne and enioye, vnited and knytte to his
imperial crowne for euer one yearly rent or pention amountynge to
the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tythes,
offspringes emolumentes and of al other profits, as well called spiry-
tuall as temporall then apertayning or belonging, or that from thence
forth should belonge to anye archebyschopyche, byschopyche, abbaye,
monasterye, priorye, archidiaconrye, deanerye, hospytall, Colledge,
house collegiate, prebende, Cathedrall Church, collegiate Church,
conuentuall Church, personage, bycarege, chaunterye, frechappel, or
other benefice or promotion spiritual of what name nature or qualitie
soeuer they were or be within any dioces of this realme, or in Wales,
the sayd pention or annual rent to be yearly paid for euer to the sayde
late kyng his heires & successours kynges of this realme, at the feast
of the Natiuitie of our Lord God. And that the fyrst paymente there
of should begin at the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord God whyche
then should be in the yeare of our Lord God a thousande, fyue hun-
dred thyrtye and fyue, and to be payd yerely by suche as should be ap-
pointed, to haue the collection thereof by the same acte in such maner
and forme, as should after that tyme be lympytted by the sayde acte be-
fore the fyrst daye of Apryll, next folowing after the sayde feast of the
Natiuitie of our Lord, as in the sayde acte amongeste other thynges,
more playnely appeareth.

The kyng and the quenes most excellent Maiesties for dyuers
dygent considerations therein theyr honours and consciences specially
mouing, wyl that it be enacted, and therefore be it enacted by auctho-
ritie of this present parlyament, that all paymentes of the sayde fyrste
frutes shal from henceforth cease and be clearely extincte and deter-
mined for euer. And that aswell all and singuler archebyschopyches,
byschopyches, & other benefices, dignities and promotions spirituall
afore charged and chargeable to and wyth the paymentes of the first
frutes, as all and euery possessor, owner and incumbente of the same,
and theyr successors shal from and after the viii. day of Auguste laste
past, and so from thence forth at al times for euer be clearely exonerate
acquitted and discharged agaynst our sayde soueraigne Lord and lady
of and from the payment and paymentes of al and euery the sayd fyrst
frutes in as ample and large maner and forme, as they were before
the making of the sayde acte. And as though the same act had neuer
bene had ne made.

Enouged alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde,
that this act or any thyng therein conteyned shal not in any wyse ex-
tende to extinguysh or discharge anye recognisaunce or other bonde
obligatorye, or any payne penaltye debt or forfeyture had made or due
to

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to the Quenes hyghnes her heyres and successours, at any tyme before the sayd eyght dape of August last past, for and concernynge the sayde fyrst fruytes.

And where as synce the sayde .xxvi. yere of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, his Maiestie, and the late kynge Edward the fyrte, and our sayd soueraygne Lord and Lady, the kynge and the Quenes Maiesties, or any of them haue before this tyme by their seuerall and sondry letters patentes, geuen graunted and assured aswell vnto sonnyr Byshoppes and theyr Successours, as to dyuerse Cathedrall Churches, Deanes, and Chaptyers, colleges and other ecclesiasticall and spirital persons and Corporations and theyr Successours, dyuerse Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, Rectories, personages, tithes glebelandes and other hereditamentes, to hold in pure and franke almoynce or by any other tenure, and to paye yearly vnto theyr Maiesties theyr heyres and successours one yearlye rente in the name of a tenth, or the tenth part of the yearlye value of the same, as by the sayde seuerall patentes moze at large doth appeare.

Our sayde soueraygne Lord and ladye, the kynge and Quenes Maiesties that now are, further wylle that it be enacted, and be it enacted by thauthortie of this present parliament, that the sayd perpetuall pention, annuall rent, or tenth, mentioned and conteyned in the sayde acte, made in the sayd .xxvi. yere of the raygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, and the said seuerall rentes and tenthes reserved vpon the sayde letters patentes for and in the name of a tenth or any of them from and after the feast of S. Michael tharchaungell last past shal not be payde or payable vnto theyr Maiesties, her heyres or successours, and that aswell al and synguler the Archbyshoppes, Byshoppes, and other the benefices, dignities, Deanes, and Chaptyers, Colledges, Corporations and spirituall promotions aforesaid as all and euery possessor, Owner, proprieties and incumbents of the same and theyr successours and euery of them from and after the sayd feast of Saint Michel tharchaungell last past shalbe clearelye exonerate acquitted and discharged of and for the paymente of the sayde perpetuall pention, annuall rent or tenthes aforesayde, and of the said tenthes reserved vpon the sayde letters patentes, and of euerye of theym agaynst our sayd soueraygne lord and lady, and the heyres and successours of the Quene, to thintente that the same shalbe ordred bled and disposed in maner and forme as hereafter in this acte shall be expressed. And for the better declaration of their Maiesties good and godly Dispositions in the premilles, their hyghnes doth by authortie of this present parlyament clearely geue ouer renounce and relinquish from theym, and the heyres and Successours of the Quenes hyghnes and sayde perpetuall pention, annuall rente, and tenth, and

the said rentes reserved nomine decime upon the sayde several letters patentis & al their right, title, and interest, which they or the sayd heyres or successors of our sayd soueraigne lady the quene, haue, or maye haue in or to the same. And wher diuers and sondry rectories, parsonages and benefices impropriate, glebelandes, tytes, oblations, pentiones, portions, and other profits, and emolumentes ecclesiastycall and spiritual to the same, or any of them belonging, and the reuersion and reuersions of diuers of them, since the xx. yere of the raigne of the said late king Henry the viii. came vnto the handes & possession of the said late king. And likewise since his death vnto the handes of the sayde late kyng Edward the sixt, and after vnto the handes and possession of the king and quenes maiesties that now are, as in the ryght of her highnes of an estate of enherytaunce. Theyr maiesties lyke good catholyke and chrysten princes earnestlye tenderinge the instructyon of theyr people in true and sincere doctrine, and therewithall waying the pouertie and scarcenes of lyuyng of many and sondry benefices and cures within thys realme, and other theyr dominions, by reason wherof sufficient and hable curates can not be gotten to serue the same, like wyle wyllen that it be enacted.

And therefore be it enacted by thauthozitie of this present parliament that their maiesties and the heyres and successors of the quenes highnes, shal not from the feast of S. Michel tharchaungell laste past receyue, perceiue, take or enioye any the issues, reuenues, profyttes, or commodities of the said rectories, personages, benefices, glebelandes, tytes, oblations, pentiones, portions, and other profyttes and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spyrtyuall aforesaid, or any of them or of the reuersion or reuersions of them or any of them, but doth from and after the sayd feast, clearely geue ouer, renounce, and relinquyshe by the authozitie aforesaid, the sayd rectories, personages, benefices, glebelandes, tytes, oblations, pentiones, portions, and other profyttes and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spiritual aforesaid, and euery of them and the reuersion and reuersions of them and of euery of theym, and all theyr ryghte, tytle, vse, interest, and demaunde of in or to the same, from them and the heyres and successours of the quenes maiestie for ever to be vsed imploied, ordered, and disposed, in maner and fourme as in thys acte hereafter is expessed and declared.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthozitie of thys present parliament, that thys acte or any thing therein contained shal not in any wise extēd to extinguishe, discharge, or geue away any of the issues, reuenues, or profits of the said rectories, personages, & benefices impropriate, glebelādes, tytes, oblatiōs, pentiones, & portiōs aforesaid or any arrerages of rētes of y same, or the arrerages of any of p said se

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tenthes before specified or of anye part or percel thereof, dewe vnto the maiesties her heyres and successours at the sayd feast of S. Mychael the archaungell last past, or anye tyme before the sayde feast, but that theyr hyghnesses, her heyres and successours shall haue, receaue, and enioye, all and synguler the sayde arrerages of the sayde rentes, and seuerall tenthes, dewe at or before the sayde feast, in lyke manner and fourme as yf this acte had not bene made, any thyng before mentyoned, lawe, vse, or custome, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned shall not in any wise extend to extinguishe, discharge, or geue awaye anye yearelye rente, reserued for and in the name of a tenth, vppon anye letters patentes, heretofore made and graunted by oure sayde Soueraygne lord kyng Henry the eyghte, kyng Edward the Sixt, and by oure Soueraygne Lord and Ladye the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, or by anye of the to any person or persones and to theyr heyres, or in fee tayle general or speciall, or for terme of lyfe, lyues or yeares, or to anye bodys polityke and corporate, and to theyr successours, other then to spirytuall or ecclesiastical corporations and to theyr successours, but that the kyngs and quenes maiesties, her heyres and successours, shall haue, perceiue and enioye, all and synguler the sayde rentes so reserued vpon anye of the sayd letters patentes, not beyng made and graunted to anye spirytuall or ecclesiastical persons and corporations, and to theyr successours as is aforesayde. in lyke maner and fourme as yf this acte hadde neuer bene made.

And where the kyng and the Quenes Maiesties stande charged for the paymente of sundrye rentes pencionis, annuities, corrodiages, fees, and other yearely paymentes seuerally graunted aswell by diuers and sundry late abbotes, priors, maysters of colledges, maysters of hospytals, chauntery prestes, and other ecclesiastical and spirytual all persons before the dissolution of their houses, to diuers and sundry persons, seuerally or ioyntly for terme of life, lyfes, or yeres, as also by her sayde father king Henry the eyght, and by her sayd brother kyng Edward the sixt, and by her maiestie, or by anye of them to diuers and sundry religious persons and others seuerally or ioyntly for terme of lyfe lyfes or yeares, the names of al which persons together with their seuerall yearely rentes pencionis annuities corrodiages fees and yearely paymentes and profits, shalbe specially and perticulerlye set fourth and conteyned in a certayne booke indented, whereof the one counterpayne to be sygned by our sayde Soueraygne lady the queene, and the other with the sygne manuel of the most reuerende father in God Reynold Boole Cardinal and legate de latere, of the Popes holiness

and of the Sea apostolyque, specialllye sente vnto their maiesties, and to theyr kyngedomes, and Dominions, to the intente our sayde Soueraygne lord and ladye the kyng and Queens Maiesties, theyr heyres and successours shoulde be from the sayd feast of Saynct Mychell the archeaungell laste paste, and at all tymes from henceforth, clearlye exonerated, acquitted, discharged, or saued harmeles, of and frome the paymente of the sayde rentes, pentions, annuities, corrodies, fees, and yerely paymentes aforesayde. Our sayd Soueraygne lord and ladye the kyng and the quenes maiesties are pleased, and contented that it be enacted.

And therefore be it enacted by chaucthoxytpe of this present parlyamente that suche, and soo manye of the cleargye, of this Realme, as the sayd lord legates grace shal from tyme to tyme name and apoint and the successours of theim and euery of them (if it shal so please the sayde Lord Legates grace to name appoynte and assygne them) shal from the sayde feast of Sayncte Mychell last past, and so from thence furth from tyme to tyme vntyl the sayde rectorpes, personages, and benefices impropyate, and other the sayde spyrytual profyttes, shalbe other wyse ordred vled and imployed by the assignement of the sayde Lord Legates grace, as hereafter is expessed and declared, haue, take, perceyue, and receyue, aswell all and singuler the sayde perpetuall pention, annuall rentes, or tenthes, and euery of theym, at suche dayes and tyme, and by al such wayes and meanes, as the same is lycommitted and appoynted to be payde eyther by the sayde seueral letters pattentes or by the sayd former estatute made in the said. xvi. yere of king Henry the. viii. or by any other estatute made for and concerning the true paymente of the sayde tenthes or any of them, as also all and singuler the illues, reuenues, profittes and commodities of and in al and singuler the sayde rectorpes, personages, and benefices impropyate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profyttes, and emolumentes, ecclesiasticall and spyrytual aforesayd, & of the reuertion and reuertions thereof, when they shal fall by all suche wayes remedies and meanes, for the leuyng and reconery of the rentes and profittes of the sayde premilles, as our sayde Soueraygne Lord and Ladye her highnes heyres and successours shoulde or myghte haue done if the sayde premilles hadde styll contynued in theyr Maiesties handes and possession, to thys vble and intente, and purpose folowinge that is to saye, that such and as manye of the cleargye of this Realme and theyr successours, as the sayde moost reuerende father the Lord Legates Grace, shall name and appoynte, as is aforesayde, shall therewith satisfied, contente, and paye, or cause to bee satisfied, contented and payed, to all and euerye the sayde Relygious personnes

and others named wythin the sayde booke indented whiche at this tyme haue or oughte to haue anye pention, corrodye, annuity, yearely rent, profyt, or fee, for terme of lyfe, lyues or yeares, as is aforesayde, al and synguler theyr laid pentions, corrodyes, annuities, rentes, or fees at such dayes and tymes as is limited and appoynted by seueral letters patentes, or other wyptynges or grauntes to theim made. And in suche maner and fourme as our sayd Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and queenes highnesses her heyres and successours shoulde or oughte to haue payde the same, yf this acte hadde neuer ben had made, anye thyng beefore mentioned to the contrarye notwithstanding. And that they shall exonerate acquite, and dyscharge, or save harmeles the sayde kyng and queenes maiesties, and her heyres and successours kynges of this Realme, of and for the paymente of all and singuler the saide pentions, annuities, corrodyes, and fees, and shalbe further bound for the assuraunce therof, as shalbe deuised by theyr maiesties, wyth the assente of the sayde lorde Legate. Anye thing beefore mentioned to the contrarye notwithstanding. And to the intente the poore benefices and cures of thys Realme, and other the Dominions therto belonging maye be hereafter furnished with good and hable curates to instructe the people with good and sincere doctryne, and to be hable to mayntayne hospitalite and for and to other godly intentes and purposes to be done within this realme. Our sayd soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and Queenes maiesties of theyr moost gracious dispositions, are pleased and contented and wille that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by thauthority aforesayde, that the sayd Lorde Legate shall and maye dyspose, order, imploie, and conuerthe the sayde rectories, personages, and benefices improprie, glebelandes, tithes oblations, pentions, portions, and other the sayde profittes, and emolumentes, ecclesiasticall and spirytual, to & for the increase & augmentation of luynges of the incumbentes of the sayd, or other poore cures and benefices, or otherwyle for the finding of prechers or the exhibitio of scholers within this Realme and Dominions of the same, as by the godly wysedom and discretion of the sayd lorde Legat shalbe thought most mete and conuenient, sauynge to al and euery person & persons, bodies polittike and corporate, and theyr heires assignes and successours and euery of them, other the our said soueraygne lord and lady the kyng and queenes maiesties, and the heyres & successours of the queenes highness all such personages, nominations, presentacions, aduousons, right title, possellio, interest, reuertion, reuaynder, entre, condition, fees, offices, rentes, annuities, commons, leases, liberties, & al other commodities thing and thynges, profittes, and hereditamentes whatsoeuer in like

like manner and fourme to al intentes constructions and purposes as they or any of them should might or oughte to haue had in or oute of any of the sayd tenthes, personages, rectoryes, benefices, bycareges, tithes, pentiones, portions, oblations, obuentions, or in or to any the premises or anye parte thereof in as ample and large maner as if this act had neuer bene had ne made.

Provided alwayes and be it further enacted by the aucthorpyte of this present parliament that immediatly after the decease of the sayde persons named in the sayd booke to be indented, and the determinatio of theyr seuerall estatutes and rightes, and to the sayd annuities fees, rentes, and corrodyes, the said payment of the sayde perpetuall pention annual paiment or tenth, & of the sayd tenthes & rentes reserued nomine decime vpon any letters patentes, made vnto ecclesiastical & spirituall persons aforesayd, shal utterly cease and be Determined for ever, any thing herein conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding

And be it further enacted by the aucthorpyte of this present parliamente, that al and singuler person and personnes, bodyes politike and corporate, beyng spirituall and ecclesiastical and theyr successours and euery of them, which shal hereafter haue & enioye any of the sayd rectoryes personages, and benefices impropiate, glebe landes, tithes, oblations, pentiones, portions, and other profits, and emoluments ecclesiastical and spirituall aforesayde shal and maye haue and enioye, by aucthorpyte of this acte lyke aduantages, meanes, benefices, actions & remedies agaynst the lesles and grauntes their executours administrators, or assignes, and euerye of them by entre for none payment of rent from henceforth to be due, or for any waite hereafter to be done, or for breach or not performing of any condition or couenaunte or agremente from henceforth to be performed, fulfilled or done contained and expessed in the indentures of the sayde leases or grauntes against all & euery the sayde lessees, fermers and grauntees and theyr executours administrators and assignes and euery of them as yf the sayd person and persons bodyes politike and corporate spirituall and ecclesiastical, theyr successours and euery of them shoulde and mighte haue had yf they had bene perty or pryncipal to the sayd indentures lessees and grauntes, and lyke wyse that al and euery the sayd fermers lessees and grauntees, theyr executours, administrators and assignes and euery of them shal and maye haue and enioy such part of the premises as is conteyned in their lease or leases, graunt or graunts, during such tyme as is mentioned and limitted in any such lease or leases, graunte or grauntes, peldinge and payinge the yearely rentes and seruices reserued vpon, the same lease or leases, and performing al and singuler couenantes and agrementes, specified in euery such lease and graunt the whiche on the leasees parte are to be obserued and kepte, and further shal haue lyke action aduantage benefyt, and remedye agaynst all and euerye the sayde personne and personnes bodyes politike and corporate

corporate Spirituall and ecclesiastical, and theyr successours and euery of them whiche shall haue and enioye any parte of the premises for any condition couenaunte graunte or agreement hereafter broken or not performed conteyned and expessed in their seueral indentures of theyr leases and graunts, or any of them the which on the part and behalfe of the lessours are to be obserued and kepte, as the same leases or grauntes or theyr executoures administratoures and assygnes, or any of them might or shoulde haue had agaynst the sayd person or persons bodies politike and corporate, ecclesiasticall and spirituall and theyr successours or any of them, yf they had bene bothe pertye and pptye to the sayd indentures leases and grauntes.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extend to take awaye from our sayde soueraygne Lady the Quene, her heyres and Successours, the Patronages of any bycarege belongyng to any of the sayd personages and rectoryes impropriate, but that her highnes her heyres and successours shal contynue and remayne patrones, and patrons of the sayde bycareges in maner and forme as yf this acte had neuer bene had ne made. Any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that yf it happen anye of the sayd rectoryes and personages impropriate, wherof there is no vicar, or that hath bycareges indowed, and the patronage of the same appertayneth vnto the queenes Maestye, her heyres and successours, to be hereafter dysappropriated and made presentable or otherwise imployed as is aforesayde, that then her highnes her heyres and successours shal by vertue of this acte be iudged and demed beyre and vndoubted patrons of euery such rectorye and personage dysappropriated, and made presentable. This acte or any other law, vse, or custome to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliamente, that yf it fortune any of the sayd rectoryes and personages impropriate the patronages of the vicarege, wherof doth or shal appertayne vnto any person or personnes bodies politike & corporate other then to oure sayde Soueraygne lady the quene, her heyres and successours to be hereafter dysappropriated and made presentable, that then in euery such case the sayde person and personnes, bodies politike and corporate, the which then shalbe patrons of the sayd vicareges, shalbe patrones of the said personage soo dysappropriated in like estate degree and condityon as they were of the patronage of the vicarege before the sayd dysappropriation of the said rectorye or rectoryes impropriated, any thing in this act or any law, or custome to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided alsoo, and bee it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde.

That when and as often as any person or persons, to whom the sayde pensions annuities, Corodyes or fees aforesayde, or any of them do be longe shalbe payde thereof, by the auctorite of this acte or other wyse satisfied by anye order that shalbe taken vppon the same by anye other then the Queenes maiesties her heyres or successours, that then suche person or persons or anye of them so payed or otherwyse satisfied, shall not demaunde the same agayne of the kynge or Queenes Maiesties, her heyres or successours, nor shalbe double payde of the same, the provision and order of payment therof before specified, or any other thing herein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provyded alsoo and bee it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if it fortune the sayde lord Legate, to decease before suche tyme as the contentes of this act, limited and appoynted to his grace to be done, be fullye accomplished and executed, that then it shalbe lawful vnto the Archbischoppes of Canterburpe and Y orke, for the tyme beyng, and to the eldest Bischoppe of this realme by consecratyon, and in the tyme of the vacation of the sayd Archebischoppes, or of either of them, then to the Deane and Chapter of the seag, or sea so boyd, duringe the sayde tyme of vacatyon and to the sayde eldest byshoppe, for the tyme beyng, to do execute and accomplishe al and euery thing and thinges touching the order and disposition of the premises, as the said mooste reuerende father the Lord Legate shal in his life tyme lymitte assigne and prescribe vnto theym, and as his grace shoulde or myghte haue done. And that the sayde Archebishops, and Bishop, or the sayde Deanes and Chapters in the tyme of vacation, and the sayde eldeste byshoppe as is aforesaide shall frome tyme to tyme after the discease of the sayde Lord Legate haue ful power and auctorite by vertue of this acte, to doo and execute all and euery thinge and thinges touching the order and disposition of the sayde premises accordinge as it shalbe prescribed vnto theym by the sayde Lord legat: And as the sayde Lord Legates grace, shoulde or might haue done if he had lyued. Anye thinge befoze mentioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And where as diuers and sondry of the said rectorpes, personages and benefices impropyate, glebe Landes, tithes, oblations, pensions portions, and other profyttes and emolumentes, Ecclesiasticall and spirytual haue bene heretofore dymised and graunted to sondry persones for terme of lyfe, lyues or yeares, aswell by diuers and sondry late Abbotes, Pryors, Mayster of Hospitals, and Colleges, and other Religious and Spirytual persones, and Gouvernoures, befoze the dissolution of theyr seuerall Houses, and Places, as synce, by the sayde late kynge Henry the Eyghte, kynge Edward the

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the syrte, and by oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and the queenes maiesties, or by anye of them, and in and by the sayde leases and grauntes, there is also comprehended and dymised together with the sayd premisses, or wyth some part of the same, diuers and sondrie manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and vpon some of the said leases and grauntes, is one hole entyre and percellly rent, reserued for the sayd spiritual possessions, and for the said other mannores, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, therewith also graunted and letten, as by the sayde seuerall leases and grauntes, it maye appeare or bee duely proued. And where also diuers of the sayde rectories, personages, benefices impropyate and other the spiritual possessions aforesayd, haue bene heretofore, of so long continuance of time, dimised, letten, and occupied together wyth mannores, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and so ioyntely occupied and vbled, that it is to bee doubted that some ambiguity, question, and controuersye maye hereafter rylse and growe, aswell for the diuision, and seuerance of the glebe landes, and other possessions or dytters of the sayde rectories, and personages, frome other the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whych haue bene ioyned with the same, in lease, and occupation, as for the apporcioning and rating, of the saide hole and entyre yearelye rentes reserued vpon such leases as is aforesaid. For the auoyding of which ambiguities, questions and controuersyes, and to the intent a good indifferent rate and apporcionment of the sayde entyre rent maye be made according to the quantity of the sayd spiritual possessions so letten, and that the glebe landes of the sayd rectories and personages, and other the sayd spiritual possessions, so letten, with other landes and possessions as is aforesaid, maye hereafter be knowne, deuyled and vbled in seueraltie from the other temporal possessions wherewith they be leten, so that such spiritual persons as shalbe incumbentes or owners of the sayde spiritual possessions maye haue enioy and receyue the same and other profits & rents thereof in seueraltie frome the other temporal possessions aforesayd without any interruption or question according to the king and queenes maiesties mooste godly intent and meaning. Be it therefore enacted by chauctorite of this present parlyament, that in al cases where the sayde rectories, glebe landes, and spiritual possessions, or any part thereof is lette dimised or graunted wyth any of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes temporal, vnder one rente or deuyled, or where the saide glebe landes and spiritual possessions are not certaynely knowne deuyled or seuered from the other temporal possessions therewithall also letten, graunted and occupied seuerally, Commissions shalbe from time to time awarded oute of the Courts of the chexquer to sixe indifferent personnes, wherof thye to be of the spiritual

ritualtye & three to be of the temporality, geuyng them authoritie by vertue of the same, to call befoze them twelve good and indifferente men inhabytng within the countie, whereof euery of them shal haue landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of estate of frehold, to the yerely value of fyue ponde at the least, where the sayde rectories, glebe landes, and spiritual possessions do lye, and the same twelve bypon theyr othes, shall indifferentlye deuide and seuer by sufficiente metes and bondes, the sayde glebe landes of the sayde rectories, and other spiritual possessions from the other landes and possessyons wpyth the same letten, and to rate and appoytion howe muche yerelye rente shall be yerelye payde for the sayde rectories and other spirituall possessyons, so letten, and howe muche yerelye rente shall be payde for the sayde manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other temporall hereditamentes therewithall letten and graunted, as the same twelve shall bypon their othes & consciences thinke and iudge to be according to the qualite and value of the thinges soo letten and graunted, and the rating diuision and appoytionynge of the sayde entyre rente, and the seuerance and diuision as well of the sayde glebe landes and spirituall possessyons from the other manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes temporall, as also of the said manours landes tenementes, & hereditamentes temporall, from the sayde glebe landes and spirituall possessions, beyng certifyed vnder theyr seales and the seales of the sayde Commysioners into the sayde Couerte of Exchequer, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe as yf the sayde rate or appoycamente of the sayd rent or the diuision and seuerance of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, had bene made and done by thauthoritie of this present parlyament, anye lawe, vse, or custome, to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ An acte for the releefe of the poore. *St. 126. c. 14. 27.*

¶ The. v. Chapter.



¶ The intent that idle & loytering personnes and valiant beggers maye be auoyded, and the impotent feble and lame, which are the poze in very dede, shoulde be hereafter well prouyded for.

Be it enacted by the King and Quene oure Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, with the assente of the Lordes spirituall & temporal and the commons in this presente Parlyament assembled, & by thauthoritie of the same, & the statute made in the xxi. yere of the late kyng of famous memorye king Henry the viii. and also & statute made in the .iii. & .iiii. yeaeres of the reigne of the famous

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kyng Edward the sixt, concerning beggers, vagaboundes, and idle personnes, and euery article, clause, branche, sentence, and other thynges conteyned in theym, and in either of theym other then suche thynges as shalbe by this presente acte otherwyle ordeined and pro- uyded for, shall stande, remaine, and be in theyr full force and effecte, and shalbe also from henceforth iustelye and truely put in execution ac- cording to the true meaning of the said seuerall statutes & either of the

And furthet be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that yeare- ly on some on holyday in the Christmas in euery cytie, borough, and towne corporate, the Maior, Bayliffes, or other heade offycers for the tyme beyng, and in euery other Paryshe of the countrie the personne bycare, or curate, and the Churchwardens, hauynge in a register or boke as wel al the names of the inhabytauntes and houtholders, as also the names of all suche impotente, aged, and nedye personnes as beyng within the Citie, Borough, towne corporate, or paryshe are not hable to lyue of theym selues, nor with theyr owne labour, shall openlye in the Church and quietlye after Diuine seruice, call the sayde houtholders and inhabytauntes together, among whome the Maior or other head officer and two of the cheife inhabytauntes in euery suche cytie, Borough, and Townes corporate, suche as the Maior or other head officer shal thynke mete, and the personne vicar or curate and Churchwardens, in euery other Paryshe, shall electe nominate and appoynte yearely two hable persons or moo. to be ga- therers and Collectours of the charitable almose of all the resydue of the people inhabytyng within the Paryshe, whereof they be chosen Collectours for the releife of the poore, whiche Collectoures, the Sondaye nexte after theyr election, or the Sondaye folowynge if nedde require, when the people are at the Church, at diuine seruyce, shall gently aske and demaunde of euery manne and woman, what they of theyr charitie wylbe contented to geue weakelye toward the releife of the poore, & the same to be wrytten in the said register or boke and the sayde gatherers so beyng elected and chosenne shall iustelye gather and truelye dystribute the same charytable almose weakelye by them selues or theyr assignes, to the sayde poore and impotent per- sons of the said cities, boroughes, townes Corporate, and Parishes without fraude, or couyn, fauoure, or affectyon, and after suche sort that the moze impotent maye haue the moze helpe, and suche as can get parte of theyr lyuynge to haue the lesse, and by the discretyon of the Collectours to be put in such labour as they be fit and hable to do, but none to go or syt openly a beggynge vppon payne lymytted in the aforesayde estatutes.

Be it also enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that no personne or personnes so elected nominated, & appointed to be gatherer or gatherers

ers as is aforesayde, shall refuse the sayd office, but shal iustely & true ly execute the same, by the space of one hole yere next ensuyng upon payne to forseyte forty shillings to the almshouse of the poore, to be leuied by the churchwardens, where they or he dwelleth of the goods of the sayd gatherer or gatherers so refusynge by distresse.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde gatherers or collectours, shal make their iust accompt, quarterly to the Maiors or cheife officers of the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and in euery paryshe of the countrey to the person vicar, or curate, and churchwardens of the parysh, at which accompt such of the paryshe as wil may be present, & when they go oute of their offyce, they shal deliuer or cause to be deliuered forthwith upon the ende of their accomptes all suche superplusage of moneye as then shall remaine of their collection vndistributed, to be put in the common chest of the Church, or in some other saufe place, to the vse of the poore, at the ouersyght and discretion of the Maiours, officers & other before mentioned. And yf the sayde collectours or anye of them doo refuse to make theyr sayde accompt within eyght dayes, then the byshoppe of the dioces or the ordinarie of the place, shall haue auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, to compell the said person or persons, by censures of the Church, to make theyr sayde accomptes before such personnes as the sayde Byshoppe or ordinarie shall appoynte, and to make immediat payment of the summes wherewith by determination of the sayde accompt they shalbe charged.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye person or persons beyng hable to further this charitable worke do obstinately & frowardly refuse to geue towarde the helpe of the poore or do wyllfully discourage other from so charitable a dede, the person, vicar or curate, and Churchwardens of the parysh wherein he dwelleth, shall then gently exorte hym or them towarde the releefe of the poore, and yf he or they wyll not so be perswaded, then upon the certificate of the person, vicar or curate of the parysh to the Byshoppe of the dioces or ordinarie of the place, the same Byshoppe or ordinarie shal sende for hym or theym to endure or perswade hym or theym, by charitable meanes and wayes, to extende theyr charytie as in this acte is well ment and entended, and soo accorde to dyscretion, to take order for the charitable reformation of euery such obstinate person and for the better mayntenaunce of this charitable worke, it is ordeyned and established by auctoritie aforesayde, that where as the late kynge of famous memoire kynge Henry the eyght, by his seuerall erections and foundations hath ordeyned and appointed anye summe or tymes of money to thuse of the poore, not beyng taken away otherwise by acte of parliament, whether the same be in any Cathedral Church, Colledge, or els where, the Byshop of the dioces for the tyme beyng

shal from tyme to tyme examine howe and after what maner the sayde money is bestowed, and call to accompt the parties which retaine the sayd money so that it may appeare that the same is distributed to the poore accordyng to the good intent and purpose of the said noble kyng that graunted the same.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, yf it shall chaunce any parryshe to haue in it mo poore and impotent folkes not hable to labor, then the sayde parryshe is hable to releue, that then in euery such parryshe not standyng in any Citie or towne corporate, two or thre of the cheife inhabitauntes of the same parryshe, and in euery citie and towne corporate, the maior or cheife officers of the same citie or towne corporate, callynge to them two or thre of the cheyfe parrysoners of the same parryshe such as the sayd maior or hed officer shall thynke meete, shall certifye vnto the Justices of peace of the Countye where the same parryshe is, the number and names of the persōs, with which they be surcharged, and vpon such certificate the saide Justices of the peace in the same countie or two of them, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shal consider and examine the sayd certificate, and syndyng the same true, shall then graunte vnto suche, and as many of the sayde poore folkes as by theyr discretion they shal thinke good, a suffyciente licence vnder the seale appointed for the limitte, to go abrode to begge, and receiue the charitable almes of the inhabytauntes of the countrey out of the sayd parryshes, cities and townes so charged, in whiche licence the places townes and parryshes to whiche suche poore folkes are by that lycence licenced to resort, shal in the same licence be named limitted and appoynted, be it one hundred or moore, in the sayd countye at the sayd discretion of the same Justices, and yf any of the sayd poore folkes so licenced shal transgresse the lymittes to them appoynted, and resorte to begge at other places, than is in the sayde licence named, the partye so transgressyng and offendyng to be taken for a valyant begger, and punyshed accordyng to the statute made in the sayd. xii. yere of kyng Henry the eryght, and his or theyr lycence to be taken from them.

And be it further enacted, that where any of the sayde cytyes, boroughes, townes corporate, or parryshe so surcharged, is scituate and standyng in one Countye or two Counties of this Realme, or scituate and standyng in one, and immediatlye adioynyng to another Countye of the realme, as the citie of Bristol and townes of Ludlo, Stanforde Stond, that in that cities the said Maior, head Officers, and inhabytauntes of euery suche Cytye, Borough, Towne Corporate and Parryshe, shall make certifycate vnto the Justices of the sayde Counties adioynyng to the same Cytyes, Boroughes, Townes,

poate, and parishes, and the same Justices of the sayde adioynynge Countye or Counties to do, geue licence, and folowe the order aboue remembred, accorдынge as other Justices of the Countyes, in which the parish surcharged standeth, is lymytted and authoized to doo.

And be it also enacted that in all Cities, Borowes and Townes corporate, within whych be diuers parishes, the Mayor and head officers of euery the same cyties, borowes and townes corporate, shall consider the state and habilitie of euery suche parish, and if the same Mayor and officers shall vnderstande by theyr discretion that the parishioners of any one of the sayd parishes is of suche wealth and honour that they haue no pouertie amonges them, or be hable sufficiēlye to releue the pouertie of the parish where they inhabite and dwel, and also to help and succour pouertye els where further, that then the sayde Mayor and officers with the assent of two of the most honest and substantial inhabitauntes of euery such welthy parish, shall consider the nedynesse of thynhabitauntes of the other parish or parishes within the same citie or towne corporate, and moue enduce and perswade the parishioners of the welthier parish charitably to contribute sumwhat accorдынge to theyr habilitie towarde the wekely reliefe succour and consolation of the poore and nedye within the other parish or parishes aforesayde, where nede is.

And be it also enacted that all and euerye suche poore folkes as by anye suche licence are to be licensed and authoized to resorte oute of the lymittes liberties and fraunchises of all and euerye suche citie, boroughe and towne corporate, into anye the sayde countyes to begge, get and gather the charitable almes of good people. shall at all tymes when the same goth abroade to begge, weare openlye vpon him or the bothe on the brest and the backe of hys or theyr vttermooste garment, some notable badg or token to be assigned vnto hym by the Mayor or head officers of the same Citie, Boroughe and towne Corporate or parish, with the assent of the Justices of the peace that shall graunte the same licence, vpon payne to be taken for a valyaunt begger, and to be punished as afoze is remembred, and shall also carye hys licence with hym vpon lyke payne. Thys acte to endure to the latter ende of the fyrst session of the next parlyament.

Grouped alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoize aforesayde, that thys presents Acte, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende or bee preiudyciall vnto the Mayoure, Sheryffes, and Cytezens of the Cytye of Chester, for or concernyng anye gyfte or graunte of anye annuities or yearelye rent, heretofore made, geuenne, or graunted, by the sayde famous Kyng

Edwarde the sixte, vnto the sayd Mayor, Sheriffes, and Cytizens of the sayde citie, goynge out of any manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of the Cathedrall church of Chyyste and oure Lady within the citie of Chester, but that the same Mayor, Sheryffes, and citisens shall and maye from henceforth, receaue, vse, and imploie the same aucthorities, yeaerly rentes, or profyttes, to suche vles, and enterentes, and accordyng to the sayde gyfte of the sayde famous kynge anye thyng in thys presente Acte to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

Provyded alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritye afore- sayde, that all and euerye summe and summes of moneye from hence- forth to be collected, or gathered within the cytie of London or the liberties of the same by vertue of thys acte, shalbe payde ouer to the gouernours of the hospytall called the hospytall of Chyestes church with in the sayde citie of London for the tyme beyng, and shall be by them from tyme to tyme distributed and bestowed for the releife of the poore of the sayde Citie, accordyng to theyr wysedomes and dyscretions, anye thyng in thys acte mentyoned to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

An acte agaynst the excessyue takyng of the kynge and the Quenes Maiesties purueyours.

The fyrte Chapter.



Or the auoydyinge of the great annoyaunce and detraunce commonlye done to the Subiectes of thys realme, by purueyours and takers of beues, wethers, Lambes, Calues, all kyndes of grayne, Butter, cheke, bakon, all kyndes of pullayne, and to excheue hereafter not onely the great deceypt mynyshed and done

Dayly by the sayd purueyours and takers, but also hereby to auance the kyng and Quenes maiesties better seruice in the premysse, with the contentation of all theyr hyghnes faythfull and moost obedyente subiectes.

Be it therefore enacted by oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present Parlyamente assembled, and by the aucthoritye of the same, that after the feaste of the byrthe of oure Lord next followinge, euerye such commission as shalbe made, graunted, and directed, to any person or persones, whatsoeuer whereby the same per-

for any personnes, or theyr deputies shal haue authoryte to take anye beues, wethers, Lambes, Calues, or anye kinde of salte fysh or anye kinde or kindes of grayne, or anye butter in barrells or other vessels Chease, Bakon, Connyes, Pigges, Geese, Capons, or Hennes, that the same commission or commissions, shall not extend or contynue aboue the space of sixe monethes at the farthest nexte enseweinge the date of any of the saide commissions. And after the ende of the sayde sixe monethes euerye of the sayde commissyons to bee voyde and of noo force nor effect, whatsoeuer wordes, matters or sentences shalbe conteyned or expessed in any of the same commissions.

And bee it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that in all and euery suche commission or commissyons to be graunted after the sayde feast of the byrth of our Lord, shalbe playnely as wel conteyned and expessed such countye or countyes, as any of the sayde beues, wethers, lambes, calves, hogges, or swyne, or anye kinde of salte fysh, or any kinde or kindes of grayne, butter, chease, bakon, connyes, pigges, geese, capons or hennes, or anye of theym, is to be leuyed, purueyed or taken in, by any of the person or persons or their deputye or deputies so authorysed by the vertue of the sayde commission or commissions, as also the iuste true, and ful proportion and number of al and euerye suche beues, wethers, lambes, calves, swyne, any kinde of salte fysh, or anye kinde or kindes of grayne, butter in barrells or other vessels, chease, bakon, connyes, pigges, geese, capons and hennes, or any of the sayde person or personnes theyr deputye or deputies or anye of them shalbe by force and vertue of the said commission or commissions authorysed to leuy take or puruey within any of the sayde countye or countyes.

And bee it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that to euery such commission or commissions after the sayde byrth of oure Lord to be made graunted and directed as is aforesayde, shalbe annexed so manye blankes in parchemente as there shalbe seueral countyes expessed named and conteyned wythin the sayde commission or commissions or anye of theym in the whiche blankes shalbe sayde and legible wytten all and euerye suche beues, wethers, lambes, calves, swyne, anye kind of salt fysh, or anye kind or kindes of grayne, butter, chease, bakon, connyes, pigges, geese, capons and hennes, wyth the true and seueral prices of the same, and euery of them as shalbe leuyed gathered and purueyed by any person or persons their deputie or deputies, or anye of them, as shalbe thereunto authorysed by anye suche commission or commissions aforesayde, within anye perticuler towne parische or hamlette, set, tyng, and beyng, within any thole countye or countyes, as shalbe named, conteyned, and expessed, within the sayde

commission or commissions, or anye of theym to herebnto shall bee subscribed the name or sygne manuell of all and euerye suche hyghe constable or constables, petie constable or constables, headborough or headboroughes as shalbe by anye precepte to him or theym directed, by anye person or persons, theyr Deputy or Deputyes, or any of them, authorysed therebnto by suche commission or commissions to be graunted as is aforesayde, ppyue or knowledginge to the deliuey of the sayde beues, wethers, lambes, calves, anye kynde of salte fysh, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter, cheese, bakon, connyes, pygges, geese, capons and hennys, or anye of them.

And be it further enacted by thauthorytpe aforesayde, that euerye person or persons the Deputy or Deputyes, or any of them whiche shal be by commission or commissions, hereafter, to be graunted as is aforesayde authorysed to leue take or purueye anye beues, wethers, lambes, calves, swyne, salte fysh, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter in barrells or other vesselles, cheese, bakon, connyes, pygges, geese, capons, and hennys, or anye of theym, as is beforesayde, shall make a Dockette or bryfe in wyrtynge, subscribed with his or theyr name or names, conteynynge al and euery such beues wethers lambes calves swyne kynde of salte fysh, kynde or kyndes of graynes, butter in barrells or other vesselles, cheese, bakon, connyes, pygges, geese, capons, and hennys or anye of them, as he or they shal by vertue of the sayde commission or commissions leue, take, or puruey, withyn anye perticuler towne parryshe or hamlette, sette, lving and beyng wythin anye suche countye or countyes, as shal bee named conteyned and expessed withyn the sayde commission or commissions or anye of them, and the same doct or dockettes, bryfe or bryfes, saye and leageably wyrtten and subscribed as is aforesayde, shall well and truely deliuer to the sayde hyghe constable petie constable, or headborough or one of them, at such pertyme as the sayde beues, wethers, lambes, calves, swyne, salte fysh, kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter, cheese, bakon, connyes, pygges, geese, capons, and hennys, or anye of them shalbe deliuered to them, or anye of them vpon payne of forseynture of .C. markes, of laweful moyny and one yeares impyslonment as often as he shal so offende. The one moyte of whyche forseynture to be to the king and Quenes Maisties, and the other moytie to him that will sue therefoze in anye of the kyng and quenes courte of recorde, by bill, plapnte, wyrtte information or othertwyle, wherein noo wager of lawe protection or essoyne to bee allowed. All which dockettes or bryfes the sayde hyghe constable or constables, petie constable or constables, headborough or headboroughes, shall deliuer ouer to the Justices of peace, at the nexte generall sessions to be holden withyn anye of the sayde countyes. And that the same

same Justices or two of them may and shal from tyme to tyme certifye the whole number and contente of all and every the sayd doketes and bookes, to the lord Stewarde of the kyng and Quenes mooste honorable houlsholde, for the time beinge, or to the treasurer and Comptroller of the same, or any of them, or to the treasurer and Comptroller of the kyng and Quenes Shippes, yf prouision of any the thynges aforesaid be prouided or taken, for the victailing of the nauye, or anye of the kinge or Quenes Maiesties Shippes, wherby the seruyng of anye of the foresayde Comission or Commissions and true answeringe of the same shal fullye appeare.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the ancthority aforesaid that it shal not be lawefull to any person or persones, their Deputy or deputies or any of them, whiche shalbe aucthorised by such commissio or commissions here after to be graunted as is aforesayd, to leue, take or purueye anye beues, wethers, lambes, calves, any kynd of salt fysh kinde or kindes of grayne, butter in barrells or other vessels, chease, bakon, connies, pygges, geese, capons, and hennes, or any of them other wyse, or in anye other sort and maner, then is in seueral estatutes heretofore for puruepours made ordeyned prouyded appoynted lymitted and expessed, vpon such payne and paynes, as in the sayd seueral estatutes is conteyned and expessed.

And for as much as the good and necessary lawes hertofore made and prouyded agaynst the abuses and euill doynges of puruepours are not taken to extende to the vnder takers deputies, and seruaunts of any such puruepours, by whome therfore the people of this realme be oftentymes verie vncharitable and vnlawefullye vbled and oppressed.

Be it therfore enacted by thaucthority of this present parliamente that all and euerye suche lawes statutes and prouisions as heretofore haue bene made and ordeyned agaynst puruepours, and al and euery the paynes penalties forseynture and losse, conteyned mentyoned, or appoynted, in anye of the same lawes or statutes agaynst puruepours and takers or anye of them, shal also be extended and executed vpon every of their vnder takers, deputies, & seruautes. And al other which by coloure shal after the fyrste daye of January next comminge, take anye byctual or any other thing, by vertue or force of any such commissio from any the kinge and Quenes Maiesties Subiectes contrary to the tenor and effect of any of the sayde lawes or estatutes, in like maner and fourme to all ententes and purposes, as the same lawes and estatutes, or anye of them, and the paines and forseyntures therein conteyned, shoulde, might or oughte to be executed and extended agaynst puruepours and Takers them selues or any of them. And as stronlye and amplye, as yf the sayde vnder takers, deputies, and seruautes

hauntes were specialle and perticulerly recited and named in euery of the same statutes.

Wherby alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoꝛyte aforesayde for the better execution of this acte, and all other actes concerninge purueyours, that all and euery Commission and Commissions that from hencefoorth shalbe made and graunted vnto any purueyours shalbe wyrtten and set furthe from tyme to tyme in the Englyshe tounge and not otherwyse.

An Acte agaynst the bying of stolen hozses.

The seuenth Chapter.



DIK as much as stolen hozses Mares, and geldinges by theues and theyꝛ confiderates, be for the most parte solde exchaunged geuen oꝛ putte awaye in houses stables, backesydes and other secrete and pryue places, of markettes and fayres, and the toll also pryuelie payed for the same, whereby the true owners thereof being not hable to tye the falsch and couyne betwixte the byer and seller of suche hozse, mare, oꝛ geldynge, is by the common lawes of this realme without remedy.

Be it therefore enacted by the authoꝛyte of this present parliament that the owner, gouernour, ruler, fermour, steward, bayliffe, oꝛ cheif keper of euery fayre and market ouerte within this realme, and so yeaerlye appoynte and limitte out one certen and special open place within the towne, place, stelde, oꝛ circuite, where hozses, mares, geldynge and coltes, hath bene and shalbe vsed to be solde, in any fayre oꝛ markette ouert, in which sayde certayne and open place as is aforesayde, there shalbe by the sayde ruler oꝛ keper of the sayd fayre oꝛ markette, put in and appoynted one sufficiente person, oꝛ moze to take toll and kepe the same place from tenne of the clocke befoze none vntyll sonset of euerye day of the soresayde fayre and market, vpon payne to lose and forseyte for euery defaulte, fourtye shyllynge, and that euery toll gatherer his Deputy oꝛ Deputyes, shal durynge the tyme of euerye the sayde fayres and markettes, take their due and laweful tolles, for euerye suche hozse, mare, gelding, oꝛ colte, at the sayde open place to be appoynted as is beforesayde and betwixte the houres of ten of the clocke in the morning and the sonne set of the same daye if it be tendered and not at anye other tyme oꝛ place, and shall haue presently befoze hym oꝛ theym at the takynge of the same tolle the partyes to the bargayne exchange, gyfte, contracte, oꝛ puttinge awaye of euery such hozse, mare gelding

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geldinge or colte, and alsoo the same horse, mare, geldinge and colte, so solde exchaunged or putte awaye, and shall then wyte or cause to bee wytten in a booke to be kepte for that purpose, the names, surnames, and dwelling places of all the sayde parties, and the colour with one special marke at the least, of every such horse, mare, geldynge or colte, in payne to forfeit at and for every default, contrary to the tenoure hereof fortye shyllinges. And the sayde tolle gatherer or keeper of the sayde booke, shall wythin one daye nexte after everye suche saye or markette, byynge and delivuer bys sayde booke to the owner gouvernour, ruler, steward, bayliffes, or cheyfe keeper of the sayde saye, or market, who shall then cause a note to be made of the true number of all horses, mares, geldynges, and coltes solde at the sayde market or saye, and shall there subscribe his name or set his marke thereunto, upon payne to hym that shall make default therein to lose and forfeit for every default fortye shyllinges, and alsoo to answer the partye greued, by reason of the same his negligence in every behalfe.

And bee it further enacted by the authoryte aforesayde, that the sole gyfte exchaunge or puttinge awaye after the laste daye of februarye nowe nexte comminge in anye saye or market ouerte of anye horse, mare, geldinge or colte, that is or shall bee thewshelpy stolen or feloniously taken awaye frome anye person or personnes, shall not alter take awaye nor exchaunge the proprietye of anye person or persons to, or frome anye suche horse, mare, geldynge, or colte, unlesse the same horse, mare, geldinge, or colte, shall bee in the tyme of the sayde saye or markette, wherin the same shall be so solde geuen exchaunged or putte awaye, openlye rydden ledde walked dyuen or kept standinge, by the space of one houre together at the least, betwixt tenne of the clocke in the morninge and the sunne settinge, in the open place of the saye or market, wherin commonlye horses are commonlye used to be solde, and not within anye house, yerde, backsyde, or other pryue or secreete place, and onlesse all the parties to the bargayne contracte gyfte or exchaunge, presente, in the sayde saye or market, shall also come together and byynge the horse, mare, geldinge or colte, soo solde, exchaunged geuen, or putte awaye to the open place appoynted for the tolle taker or for the booke keeper where no tolle is due, and there enter, or cause to be entred their names and dwelling places, in maner as is aforesayde, wyth the couloure or coulers and one special marke at the least of everye the same horses, mares, geldynges, or coltes, in the tolles booke, or in the keepers booke for that purpose, where no tolle is due as is aforesayde, and alsoo paye him their tolle, yf they oughte to paye any, and yf not, then the byer to geue one peny for the enterpe of the names, and executing the other circumstances afoze rehearsed, to him that shall wyte the same in the sayde booke, and if any horse, mare,

geldynge or colte, that is or shalbe theuphelve stolen or taken awaye shall after the sayde last daye of februarye next comming, be solde geuen, exchaunged or putte awaye, in anye saye or markette, and not b. sed in all poyntes accoꝝdinge to the tenor and entente of this estatute that then the owner of euerye such horse, mare, geldinge or colte, shall and maye by force of this estatute, seasse or take againe the sayde horse mare, geldinge or colte, or haue any action of Detinue or repliue for the same, anye sale gyfte, exchaunge or puttinge awaye, of any such horse, mare, geldinge, or colte, other then accoꝝdinge to this estatute in anye wyse notwithstanding, the one halfe of al whych forfeitures to be to the kynge and queenes Maiesties, her heyres and Successours, and the other to him or theym, that wyll sue for the same befoze the Justices of peace, or in anye of the kinge and queenes Maiesties ordinarie courtes of Recorde, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or information, in whiche lites no protection, esloyn or wager of lawe, shall bee allowed.

And be it enacted by thauthoritye aforesayde, that the Justices of peace of euery place and countye as wel within libertyes as without shall haue aucthoritye in theyr sessions within the limites of theyr aucthoritye and commission, to enquire, here and determine, all offences against this estatute, as they may do any other matter tryable befoze them.

Provyded alwayes, that in euerye suche saye and markette, where any tolle is not shalbe due ne leuiable by reason of the freedom libertye or priueledge of the sayde saye or markette, the keper or keepers of the booke touching the execution of this presente acte, shal take not exact but one peny vppon and for euerye contracte, for his labour in wrytynge the enterye, concerninge the premises in manner and forme as is befoze declared.

An acte for the amending of hyghe wayes.

The eyght Chapter.



OR amendinge of hyghe wayes beyng now bothe berre noysome and tedpous to trauell in, and daungerous to all passengers and carryages.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritye of this presente Parliamente, that the Constables and Churchwardens of euerye Barshyre within thys Realme, shall yeaerlye vppon the Twesdaye or Wednesdays in Easter weke, call together a number of the Parochians, and shall then electe and chuse two

two honest persons of the paryshe, to be surueyours and orderers for one yere, of the woꝝkes for amendement of the hyghe wayes in their paryshe, leadyng to anye markette towne, the wyche persones shall haue auctoritie by vertue hereof, to order and directe the personnes and cariages that shalbe appointed for those woꝝkes by theyꝝ dyscretions, & the sayde persones so named shall take vpon them the execution of theyꝝ sayde offices vpon payne euery of them makynge defaulte to forseyte twenty shyllynge. And the said constables and Churchwardens shall then also name and appoint foure dayes. for the amendynge of the sayde wayes before the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist then next folowynge. And shal openly in the churche the nexte sonday after Easter geue knowledg of the same foure dayes, & vpon the said dayes the parochians shall endeuor theym selues to thamen- dyng of the sayd wayes, and shalbe chargeable therunto as foloweth that is to say, euery person for euery plowlande in tyllage or pasture that he or she shal occupy in the same paryshe, and euery other person keepynge there a draught or plow, shal finde & send at euery daye and place to be appointed for thamen- dyng of the wayes in that paryshe as is aforesaid, one waine or carte furnished after the custome of the coun- try with oxen, horses, or other cattell, and all other necessaryes meete to cary thinges conuenient for that purpose, and also two hable men with the same, vpon payne of euery draught makynge defaulte tenne shyllynge, and euery other housholder and also euery cotiger and la- burer of that paryshe hable to labour and beyng noo hyred seruaunte by the yere, shal by them selues or one sufficient labourer for euery of them vpon euery of the sayde foure dayes, woꝝke and trauell in tha- mendement of the sayd high wayes vpon payne of euery personne ma- kynge default to lose for euery day. xii. pence. And if the cariages of the paryshe or anye of them shall not be thoughte nedefull by the superuy- sours to be occupied vpon any of the sayde dayes, that then euery such person that shoulde haue sent any such carpage, shall sende to the sayde woꝝke for euery carpage so spared two hable men there to labour for that daye vpon payne to lose for euery man not so sent to y^e sayde woꝝke twelue pence. And euery person & cariage abouesayde, shal haue and byng with them such shouels, spades, pyckes, mattocks, and other toles, and instrumentes, as they doo make their owne dyches and fen- tes withall, and such as be necessarye for theyꝝ sayd woꝝke. And al the sayd persones and cariages shal do and kepe theyꝝ woꝝke as they shall be appoynted by the sayd superuyours, or one of them eyghte howres of euery of the sayde dayes, vnesse they shalbe otherwys licensed by the sayd superuyours or one of them.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide. that the Stew- arde and Stewardeg of euery lete or lawedaye shall therein haue

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full power and auctoritie to enquire by the othes of the iurers of all and euery thoffences that shalbe commytted within the lete or lawed day, agaynst euery poynte, and article of thys estatute, and to assesse such reasonable fynes, and amercyments for the same, as shalbe thought mete by the sayde Stewarde. And in default of suche enquire or presentment, the iustices of peace of euery place or countie shal haue auctoritie to enquire of the same thoffences, which shalbe committed within the limittes of their commission at euery their quarter sessions and to assesse such fynes therfore, as they or two of them, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shal thinke mete. And the steward of euery lete and lawed day shal make estreats endented of al the fines forseitures and amerciamentes, for the defaultes presented before him & shal deliuer thone parte thereof sealed and signed by him to the bailife or high constable of euery hundred rate, lath, or wapentake, wherein the defaultes shalbe presented & thother halfe to the constable & churchwardens of the parische, wherin the defaultes was made, the same to be perelye deliuered within sixe weekes after the feast of S. Michell tharchaungell, & the clerke of the peace shal make the like estreats indented of the fynes forseitures and amerciamentes for the defaultes presented before the Iustices of peace and shal seale subscriybe & deliuer the same in lyke sorte as is aforesayd, the which estreats & euery of them shalbe a sufficient warraunt to the said bailife or chefe constable to leui the sayde amerciamentes, fynes, and forseitures, by waye of distress. And if no sufficient distresse can be founde by the said bayliffe or heade constable, or yf the sayde offender shal obstinatlye refuse to paye the said amerciament, fyne, or forseiture, and do not paye the same wpyth in twentye dayes after a lawefull demaunde of the same by the sayde officer, that then euery such person to forseyte the double somme that he should before haue payed.

And be it further enacted, that euery of the said bailiffes and head constables shal at the least once euery yere betwixte the fyrste daye of Marche & the last daye of Apryll, make a true accompt and payment of al such sommes of money (to the constable & churchwardens of euery parische wherin the offences was committed or to two of them) as he shal haue collected vpon any of the aforesaid estreats, vpon payne to forfeyt for euery tyme he shal not so do. xl. shyllinges.

And be it enacted by thaurthoritie aforesayde, that all fynes amerciamentes and forseitures which shalbe due for any offence agaynst the puruey of this estatute shalbe to the churchwardens of euery parische wherein thoffences shalbe committed to be bestowed of the high waies in the saide parishes, and the sayde churchwardens shal haue auctoritie to call the sayde baylye and heade constable to accompt before the Iustices of peace or two of them wherof one to be of ² quorum by

by byll, information or otherwise. The which Justices shall haue authoritie to take the sayde account, and to committe, the said baillyfe or heade constable to prison, there to remaine vntill he shal pay al such arerages as shalbe adtudged by the said Justices, & euery of the sayde baylyfes, & head constables vpon their accomptes shall haue allowed for euery pounce he shal collect & pay .viii. pence for hys owne paynes and .xii. pence for the fees of the clerke of the peace or steward of the lete for the treaties endented of euery seuerall parythe that they shall deliuer as is aforesayd, & the successours of euery churchwardens shal haue the like action of accompt against their predecessours as is before appoynted agaynst the baylyfes. Thys acte to contynue for seuen yeres next after the begynnyng of thys parlyamente. And to the ende of the next parlyament then next folowynge.

An acte to auoyde diuers licences of houses where in vnlawefull games be vsed.

The. ix. Chapter.



Most humble besecheth the Queenes most excellent highnes your louyng and obedyente Subiectes, the commons in this youre present parlyamente assembled that where by reason of dyuers sundrye licences heretofore graunted to dyuers persons, aswell wythin the citie of London, and the Suburges of the same as also in dyuers other places, within your highnes realme, for the hauyng maintaynyng, and kepyng of houses, gardens, and places for bowlyng, tenys, dysyng, whyte, and blacke, makynge and marrynge, and other vnlawefull game, prohybted by the lawes and statutes of thys realme, diuers and many vnlawefull assemblies, conuenticles seditions, and conspiracies, haue and bene daylye, secretely practysed, by ydle and mischeued persons, repayryng to suche places, of the whyche robberies and many other mildemeanours, haue ensued to the breach of your highnes peace. For remedy whereof it may please your highnes that it maye be enacted by youre highnes the Lozde spyrytuall and tempozall, and the commons in thys present parlyamente assembled that from and after the feast of the byrth of our lord God then next comynge, euery lycense, placarde or graunte, made to any person or persons, for the hauyng maintenaunce, or kepyng of any bowling alleys dysyng houses, or any other vnlawefull games, prohybted by the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe from the sayde feast vtterly void and of none effecte.

An acte to take examination of prysoners suspected of any manslaughter or felony.

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Here in the last Parlyament holden at Westmynster amongst other thynges it was enacted, that such Iustices of the peare as haue aucthoritie, to baile any prysoner brought before them for any manslaughter or felony, before any bailment or mainpryse shoulde take examination of the said prysoner & information of the

that bring hym of the facte & circumstaunces thereof, and the same or as much thereof as shalbe material to proue the felony, shal put in writing before they make the same bailment, which sayd examynation together with the sayd baylement the said iustices shuld certify at the next generall goale deliuerie, to be holden within the limits of the comission, as by the same act more plainly is contayned & maye appeare

And forasmuch as the sayd act doth not extende to suche prysoners as shalbe brought before any iustice of peace for manslaughter or felony & by such iustice shalbe comitted to ward for the suspition of such manslaughter or felony, & not bailed, in whiche case examination of suche prysoner & of such as shal bring him, is as necessary or rather more then where such prysoner shalbe let to bayle or mainpryse. Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parlyamente, that from hence forth such iustices or iustice before whome any person shalbe brought for manslaughter or felony, or for suspition thereof, before he or they shal comit or send such prysoner to ward shal take the examination of such prysoner & information of those that bring him of the fact & circumstaunces thereof, & the same or as much thereof as shalbe material to proue the felony, shal put in writing within ii. dayes after the sayde examination and the same shal certify in such maner & forme & at such time as they shoulde & ought to do of such prysoner so comitted or sent to ward had bene bayled or let to mainpryse, vpon such paine as the sayde former act is limited & appoynted for not taking, or not certifying such examynations as in the said former acte is expessed. And be it further enacted that the said iustices shal haue aucthoritie by this acte to bind all such by recognisaunce or obligation, as do declare any thyng material to proue the sayd manslaughter or felony agaynst such prysoner as shalbe so comitted to ward to appeare at the next generall goale deliuerie to be holden within the county, citie, or town corporate, where the tryal of the sayd manslaughter or felony shalbe, then & ther to geue evidence agaynst the party, and that the sayd iustices shal certify the said bandes taken before the in lyke maner, as they shuld & ought to certifye the bandes mentioned in the said former act vpon the paine as in the sayd former acte is mentioned for not certifyinge suche bandes, as by the sayd former acte is limited and appoynted to be certyfied.

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In acte touchyng weauers.

The eleuenth Chapter.



As muche as the weauers of thys Realme, haue as well at thys present parlyamente, as at dyuerse other tymes, complayned that the ryche and welthy clothiers do many wayes oppresse them, some by settynge vp, and keping in their houses, diuerse loomes, and keping and maintainyng them by Jorneye men and persons vnkyllfull, to the decaye of a great number of artificers, whych were brought bp in the said science of weauynge, their famylles and household, some by ingrossynge of loomes into their handes and possession, and lettynge them out at such vnrasonable rentes, as the poore artificers are not hable to maintayne them selues, much lesse theyr wyues famlye and chyldren, some also by gyuyng much lesse wages and hyer, for the weauynge and wo:kemanshpype of clothes, then in tymes paste they dyd, whereby they are enforced vtterlye to forsake theyr arte and occupation where in they haue bene brought vp.

It is therefore for remedye of the premysse, and for thaduoidynge of a great number of inconueniencies whiche may growe (yf in tyme it be not forfene) ordeined establihed and enacted, by auctorite of this present parlyament, that no person vsing the seate or mistery of clothe makynge and dwelling out of a citie, borough, market towne or corporate towne, shall from the feast of Saynt Michel tharchaungel, nohereafter ensuyng, kepe, reteyne or haue in his or their house or possession anye more or aboue one wollen loome at one tyme, nor shall by anye meanes directly or indifferentlye receiue or take any maner proffytte gain or commoditie by lettynge or settynge anye loome or anye house wherein any loome is or shalbe vsed & occupied, whiche shalbe togythers by him set or let vpon paine of forfeyture for euery weke that any person shall do contrary to the tenor and true meaninge hereof. xx.s.

And be it further ordeyned and enacted by lyke auctorite, that no wollen weauer vsyng or exercysing the seate or mistery of weuynge and dwellynge out of citie borough market towne or town corporate shall after the sayde feast haue, or kepe at one tyme aboue the number of two wollen loomes, or receiue any profit gain or commoditie directlye or indirectlye as is aforesayde, by any more then two loomes at one tyme vpon payne to forfeyt for euery weke that anye personne shall offend or do to the contrary. xx.s. And it is further ordeined & enacted by lyke auctorite that no person whiche shall after the sayde feast be exercyse or occupy onely the seate or mistery of a weauer, and not clothmakynge shall durynge the tyme that he shall vse the seate or mistery of a weauer, kepe or haue any tuckynge mylle, or shall vse or exercyse the seate or mistery of a tucker fuller, or dyer, vpon payne to forfeyte for euery weke that he shall so do. xx.s.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by like auctoritie that no person which after the sayde feast shall vse exercise or occupie the feast or mistery of a tucker, or fuller, shal durynge the time that he shall so vse the sayde feite or mistery, kepe or haue any loome in hys house or possession or shall directly or indirectly take anye p[ro]fyt or commodi- tie by the same, vppon payne to forseyt for euery weke twentye shyl- linges. And it is further ordeyned and enacted by lyke auctoritie, & no person whatsoeuer which hereafter hath not vsed or exercised the feate mistery or arte of such cloth making, shal after the said feast make or weaue or cause to be made or wouen any kind of b[ro]de whyte wo- len clothes, but onely in a citie borowne towne corporate or markette towne, or ells in such place or places where such clothes haue ben vsed to be commonly made, by the space of ten yeares nexte before the ma- kyng of thys acte, vpon payne of forsayture for euery cloth otherwise made fyue poundes.

Provyded alwayes and be it further enacted by the aucthor- tie aforesayd, that it shall not be lawefull to anye person or persones beyng a weauer, or that doth or shal vse the arte or misterye of a wea- uer or weauing, dwelleth out of a citie, boroughe towne corporate or markette towne, to haue in hys and their seruice anye more or above the number of two apprentices at one tyme, vppon payne to forseyt for euery tyme that he shal offende or doo contrarie to thys braunch, or article, the summe of tenne poundes. And further be it enacted by th auctoritie aforesayd that it shal not be laweful to or for any person or persons, to sette vp the arte or mistery of weauynge after the sayde feast of Saynt Michael onelesse the same person or persons so setting vp the same arte or mistery of weauynge haue bene apprentyce to the same arte or mistery or exercised the same by the space of seuen yeares at the least vpon paine of twentye poundes, to be forseyted to the king and Quenes Maiesties her graces heires or Successours. The one moite of al which forseytures shalbe to the kynge and Quenes hygh- nesse her heires and Successours. And the other moite to him or the that wyl sue for the same in any court of record, by action of debt, bill playnt, or information, wherin no wager of lawe esloynge or protec- tion shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunte.

Provyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thys acte nor any thing therein conteined, shal in any wise extende or be preiudiciall to any person or persons, that doth or shall dwel in the counties of Yorke, Cumberlande, Northumberland and Westmerlande, but that they and euery of them shal and may haue & kepe loomes in their howses, and do & exercise al and euery thing and thynges, for or concernyng spynnyng, weauynge, clothworkyng and clothmakynge in the sayd countie as they or any of them myghte haue done, or exercised lawfully before & making of this estatute, any thing conteyned

conteyned in this Estatute to the contrarie in anye wyse notwithstandinge.

An Acte for the viewynge and sealynge of clothes commonly called Brydgewater.

The.xii. Chapter.



Here beefore this tyme, the boroughes and townes of Brydgewater Taunton and Charde in the Countye of Sommersetshire haue bene well and substantiallve inhabited occupied maynteyned and vpholden, for the most parte by reason of the making of wollen Clothes commonly called Brydgewater Taunton and Charde

Clothes whiche in tymes past were muche desyred aswel beyonde the Seas, as in this Realme of Englande, and therby the inhabitautes and poore people of the sayde boroughes and townes and of the country there aboutes were daylye set on worke, and had sufficient living, by the same, and where also the sayde townes in tymes past were of gret force and strength, to serue the kinge and Queenes hyghnes progenitours and auncesters kynges of this realme. Forasmuche as of late diuerse personnes inhabitinge and dwellinge in vilages hamlettes and smale townes of husbandry in the sayde countie of Summersette whiche were neuer pyntices or skilful in makynge of the sayd clothes aswel for their priuate welthes and commodities, as also because they woulde be out of dewe serch of their clothes to be made accordynge to the statute therfore prouyded, not regarding the maynteynaunce of the sayde borough and townes, nor the common wealth of the handycraftesmen and other poore people whiche cheifely had theyr lyvinge and sustenaunce by makynge of the sayde clothe, haue of late dayes exercised vbled and occupied the misteryes of cloth makynge weaynng fullynge and sheringe within their houses, and haue so deceyptfullve made wrought and stretched the sayde clothes, to the infamy and slander of clothe makynge in such sorte and maner that not onelye the same sortes of clothes are growen out of estimatiō, but also the sayd townes are in greate Decay ruyne and Depopulation.

For remedye wher of be it enacted by thauthorytve of this present parliamente, that no person whatsoeuer inhabitynge, or whiche shall hereafter inhabyte within the sayde Countye shal after the feast of the Purification of our Ladye nexte comming commonlie called candelmas, put to sale any kinde of such clothes as is aforesayde, or clothes of lyke nature makynge and sorte, made or to be made wythin the sayde county, excepte such cloth be fyrste viewed serched and sene in one of the boroughes or townes aforesayde, whether the same be perfectly and

truelpe made according to the statute, and also that the same be sealed with the Seale of one of the sayde Boroowes or townes in suche sopte maner and fourme, as in the statute made in the .v. yere of the reygne of our late Soueraygne Lorde king Edward the .vi. intituled an act for the true making of wollen clothe, is for sealing of clothes, provided and enacted, vpon payne that every person offending or doing contrary to the true meaninge of thys acte, shall forseyt the cloth solde or the valewe therof. the moyte of al which forseyntures shalbe to our Soueraygne Lorde and Lady the king and Quenes Maiesties, the heires and Successours of the quenes Maieste, and the other halfe to him or theym that will sue for the same in anye of the kinge and Quenes maiesties court of recoide, her heires and Successours, wherem noo esioigne protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

An Acte for the inhabitauntes of Halifaxe touching the beyng of woulles.

The .xiii. Chapter.



Howmuche as the Parryshe of Halysaxe and other places thereunto adioyninge, beyng planted in the greates wastes and moores where the fertilitie of grounde is not apte to bynge forth any corne, nor good grasse, but in rare places, and by excedding and great industrye of thinhabitauntes. And the same inhabitauntes altogether Doe liue by clothmakinge, and the greates part of them nether getteth corne, nor is able to keepe a horse to cary woulles, nor yet to buye muche woulle at once, but hath ever bled onely to repayre to the towne of Halifaxe and some other nigher therunto, and there to bye vpon the woldwyuer some a stone, some two or some thre or foure, accordinge to their habilitie, and to carye the same to their houses some thre, foure, or and syxe myles of, vpon their heddes and backes, and soo to make and conuerte the same eyther into yarne, or clothe, and to sell the same, and so to buye more wolle of the woldwyuer, by meanes of which industrye the barreyne groundes in those partes be nowe much inhabyted and aboue syue hundred householde there newly encreased within these fourtye yeres past, which nowe are lyke to be vndone and dyuen to beggery, by reason of the late estatute made, that taketh away the woldwyuer, soo that they can not nowe haue their wolle, by such smal portions as they were wonte to haue, and that alsoo they are not hable to keepe any horses wher vpon to ryde or sette their woulles further from theym in other places oneles some remedy may be prouyded. For the remedye whereof be it enacted by the kinge and Quenes Maiesties,

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by the lordes spirituall and temporall, & commons in this present parliament, & by thaugethoryty of the same that fro henceforth, it shalbe lawfull to any person or persons inhabiting wythin the parish of Halysar to bye any wolles or wolles, at such tymes as the clothiers may bye the same, otherwys then by engrossing & forstallyng, so that the persons so byng the same, do carpy or cause to be carpyed p said wolles so boughte by them, to the towne of Halysar, & there to sell the same to such poore folkes of that and other parishes adioyning, as shal worke the same in cloth of yarne (to their knowledge) & not to the rich & welthy clothier nor to any other to sel agayne, and if ether the said woldyuer shall sell his sayde wolles at anye other place forth of the sayd town of Halysar or if anye suche shall by theyr wolles at Halysar, shall sel theyr wolles that they bought agayne vnto wrought in yarne or cloth that then everye such offender to lose & forseyte the double value of the woll so solde or btered, & one moyte thereof to bee to the king & quenes maiesties, her heires & successoures kynges of this realme, & thother moyte to him or them that will sue for the same in anye of the king & quenes maiesties courts of recoorde, or before the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, who by vertue hereof in their open sessions shal haue auctorytye vpon information, to heare & determine the same and to make processe agaynst the offenders as in any other case to be determined before them.

An Acte for the reedifying of foure mylles nere the city of Hereforde. Cap. xiiii.

Shewen vnto youre Maiesties youre humble supplia-
tes, the Deane & chapter of the cathedrall churche in the
city of Hereforde, and also the mayor & commonalty of
the sayde Cytie, that where vntyll the .xix. yeare of the
raygne of the late kinge of famous memory king Hen-
ry the. viii. the Deane & chapyter of the sayde cathedrall
church then beinge wter sealed in their demeane as of fee, as in the right
of the said church of & in two corne milles & two fulling milles set vpo
the riuer of Wyle, wthin one quarter of a myle of the said city. w the wa-
ter coming to & going fro the said milles & also with a wear vpon the
same riuer then belonging to the said milles, which milles time out of
minde were & haue bene so beneficial for the inhabitants of p said city
that thereby cloth making was there greatly encreased, & very muche
people there inhabitinge sette on worke, as weauers, fullers, walkers,
wynners, & carders, whereby the sayd city was wel occupied, and the
inhabitants thereof then very welthy and rich, and so cotynued vntil
the sayd .xix. yere of the sayd late king Henry the. viii. at which time by
wryngful suggestion made to the said late king, vpo malice borne to p
sayd Deane & chapter, & by a pryuate letter fro the sayd late king by sp-
eciall meanes obteyned, all the sayde four milles wer throwe down &
destroyed, by reaso whereof p clothmaking in p said city vtterly celled
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And thereby the same City hath runne in suche extreme ruyne and decaye, that the people there inhabitinge (who beefore that tyme were there well occupped in the misterpes aforesayde) are now not able for lacke of worke to get theyr owne liuyng to theyr vtter impouerishing and defacing of the sayde cite, which is now so filled with suche number of poore, as maye not bee releiued there, onlesse clothemakynge be there let furthe and maynteyned as it was beefore, whiche greatly shoulde encrease agayne, yf the sayde foure mylles, or other for theym were reedified and buylded.

It maye therefore please youre maiestyes, that it maye be enacted by your maiesties, the Lords spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthority of the same, that at any tyme hereafter it shalbe laweful to the sayde Deane and chapter of the sayde cathedraal church of Hereford for the tyme beyng, or theyr fermoures or assignes, to buylde, reedryfe, and set vp, or cause to be buylte, reedryfed, and sette vp of newe, in the places where the said mylles were buylded, or as nere to the sayde places as conueniently maye be, so it be vpon the soyle or ground of the sayde Deane and chapter, foure other sufficiente milles, that is to saye, two corne mylles, and two fullinge mylles. And that from the time that the sayd foure mylles in forme aforesayde, shalbe sufficiently buylded and set vpp, the sayde Deane and chapter and theyr successoures, shall and maye be sealed of the sayde mylles, and of the water comminge to and goynge from the sayde mylles, and of the fyshynge in the same water, and the wayes and pathes leadynge to the same mylles, and of the said wear of such estate as the sayde Deane and chapter then beyng, at the tyme that the sayde mylles or any of them, were thowen downe or destroyed, were sealed of the sayd other mylles, and of the sayde waters, fyshynge, wayes and pathes, and weare, belongynge to the sayd foure mylles or any of them. And it maye bee further enacted by thauthority aforesayde that the sayd Deane and chapter of the said cathedraal church for the time beyng, theyr fermours or assignes, shal haue tyme to build and set vp or cause to be buylt and set vp, the sayd foure milles in maner and forme aforesayde, within the space of eyghte yeaeres next after the first day of this present parliament. Sauing vnto al and euery person and persons bodyes politike and corporate their heires and successoures, other then the sayde Deane and chapter and their successours, al such ryghtes, states tytles, and interestes, whyche they or any of them had or oughte to haue of and in the premises, or anye of theym, beefore the sayde mylles were thowen downe and destroyed, in suche manner and forme as though this acte had neuer bene had or made.

An Acte that purueyours shall not take byctuallys within fyne miles of Cambridge and Oxforde.

The .xv. Chapt.
Humble



Umblpe sue to your Maiesties, the societys, Colleges
and companyes, of youre true and saythefull subiectes,
and dayly oratozs the scholers and studentes of bothe
your maiesties vniuersities, Cambrydge and Oxforde
that where it hath bene accustomed tyme out of mind
that both the sayde markette townes of Cambridge &
Oxford, wherein the sayde two vniuersities be sette, and the circuit of
foure myles nexte adioyning, hath bene fre from any charge or molesta
tion of anye common takers, or purueyours for victual whereby the
sayde markettes, were more plentifullye serued with victual, and the
estate of a greate multitude of scholers, hauynge verye bare and
insuffentation thereby releiurd, and now by the meanes that con
curre to the same laboredable custome, dyuerse purueyours and takers
of late excessiue frequented the same markettes, and there by
gave occasion to make victelles both more skante and much dearer,
and notoryous decaye of schollers, which also dayly in this gret derth
tende to encrease and be more lamentable to the hinderaunce of gods
grace, the dishonor of the realme, the discomfort of al good and holpe
louing learning and vertue.

It maye therefore please youre Maiesties of youre greate ppyte
and abundaunte fauor and loue towarde your sayde two vniuer
sities, beyng the verye two onelye nources of good learnynge in this
realme, wyth the assente of the Lordes spyrituall and temporall, and
commons, in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auc
thorite of the same, to enacte, ordeyne and establishe, that frome
henceforth the no maner of purueyor, taker, bager, loader, or other my
ster, maye or shall take or bargayne for anye kynde of victuall or
grayne, in anye of the sayde markettes or townes of Cambrydge, and
Oxforde, nor shall take or bargayne for anye victuall
within the compasse of fyue myles thereto adioynynge wythoute the
consent agremente or good wyl of the owner or owners, neyther shall
anye attempte to carpe take awaye or bargayne for anye maner of grayne,
or other victuall, boughte or prouyded wythin the sayde space of fyue
myles by anye common mynyster, of anye Colledge, hostell, or hall to
be spent within anye of the saide Colledges, hostelles, or halles, vpon
penaltye of the forfeyture of the quadrupell value of anye suche manner
grayne, or victuall so takenne or bargayned for, in anye of the sayde
markettes, or wythin the sayde space of fyue myles, agaynst the wyl
of the owners, as is abouesayde, or attempted to bee takenne carped
awaye or bargayned for beyng prouyded as is abouesayde, for to
be spent in anye the Colledges hostelles, or halles. And further shall
be imprisoned for the space of thre monethes wythoute bayle
or mainpryse, and that the Chauncelloure or vycechauncellour or his
Commisary

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Commissarye for the tyme beyng, in eyther of the sayde vniuersityes with two Justices of peace, of the Countye, wherein the sayde vniuersityes bee sette, shall haue full power by aucthoritye of this acte, to requyre by the othes of .xii. men, of and vpon the defaultes and offences committed contrary to the tenor thereof, and to see due punishment and reformation thereof in forme aforesayde, frome tyme to tyme the one halfe of which foresayde forfeitures to be to the common treasure of eyther the sayde vniuersityes respectiue to the faulte committed agaynste this theyr priuelege, the other halfe to the partye that wil sue for the same by action of Debte, byl, playnte or otherwoyle in anye Court of record, or beefore the foresayde Chauncellour his vicechauncellour or Commissarye for the tyme beyng, and two Justices of peace, as beefore expressed.

Prouyded that this acte shall not be put in execution at anye tyme or tymes, whensoever your Maiesties, or the heyres or Successours of your maiesty our Soueraygne Ladye, shall please to come to anye of both the sayd vniuersityes or within seuen myles of eyther of the same, but shalbe in suspence duryng that time onelye and not longer.

Prouyded alwayes and bee it enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayde, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned, shal not in any wise bee prejudicial or hurtfull, to the Mayre Bayliffes, and commonaltye, of the Cytie of Oxforde, nor to the Mayre and commonaltye of the towne of Cambrydge, or to their successours, for and concerning anye of their libertyes, or priueleges, but that they and euery of them and their successours, respectiue, maye haue and vse the same, in such maner and forme, as thei or any of them might or ought to haue done beefore the makynge of this acte anye thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte touchinge watermen and barge men vpon the riuer of Chamise.

The .xvi. Chapter.



Where as heretofore for lacke of good gouernement and dewe order, amongst whymenne, and watermenne, exercisynge, vsynge and occuppyng rowynge vppon the ryuer of Chamise, there hath diuerse and manye misfortunes, and myschaunces happened and chaunced of late yeares past, to a great number of the kinge and queenes Subiectes, aswell to the nobilitie, as to other the common people, that haue passed and repassed, and beene caried by water.

water by reason of the rude ignorant and vnskilfull number of wa-
termen, which for the most parte bene maysterlesse men, and synge
men of all kyndes of occupations, and faculties, whych doo worke at
theyr owne handes. And many boyes beyng of smale age, and of lytle
skyll, and being persones out of the rule and obedience of anye honest
mayster, and gouernour, and do for the mooste parte of theyr tyme vse
dreyng and cardyng, and other vnlawefull games, to the greate and
euill example of other such lyke, and agaynste the common wealth of
this Realme. And all which said euil and ignoraunte persones in the
tyme of prestyng by commission, for the seruite of the kynge and que-
nes most royal maiesties vppon the Sea, for that they haue noo kno-
wen place of abydyng, do for the most part absent and conueye them-
selues into the Country, and other secret places, practising there rob-
beries, and felonies, and other euill detestable factes, to the greate
annoyance of the common wealth. And so after the sayd compassyon
of prestyng ended, oft tymes the said euil persons doo repayre agayne
to their former trade of rowyng, coulouryng theire euill dedes, & also
diuers of them being very ignoraunt for lacke of conueniente tyme of
learnynge & exercise, in þ which they mighte obtaine sufficiente know-
ledge of their occupation doo oft tymes presume and enterpryse to re-
couer dyuerse of our sayde Soueraygne Lord and Ladye the kynge
and Quenes Maiesties louyng subiectes, into theyr botes and whyr-
res, and do carie and conuey theyr sayde Subiectes, from place to
place by water vpon the sayde ryuer of Chamys, wherby diuers per-
sons haue bene robbed and spoiled of theyr goodes, & also drowned.
And for and by the occasion aforesayde, be daylye put in leare & peryll
of theyr lyues, the which is very lamentable & not to be permytted or
suffered in any common wealth. And by reason also that a great num-
ber, and the most part of the whyrres, and botes, nowe occupied and
bied, and of late tyme made for rowyng vpon the sayde ryuer, benne
made soo lytle and smale in portion, and soo streight and narrowe, in
the bothome, varyng much from the olde substantiall sorte, and sure
makynge of botes and whiries which was bled befoze the space of xx.
yeres last past, in so much as the most part of the botes & whiries bled
at this day bene so shallowe and tycle þ thereby great peryll and daun-
ger of drownynge hath many tymes ensued and dayly is lyke to ensue
unless some speedy remedy, be herein had and prouyded.

For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the kynge and Que-
nes Maiesties the lordes Spirituall and Temporall and the Com-
mons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctorite
of the same, That there shalbe yerely appoynted, chosen, & elected by
the Maior, and court of Aldermen, of the citie of London, for the time
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being the number of eyght persons, of the most wise discret and best sorte of watermen being housholders, and occupping as watermen vpon the sayd ryuer betwene grauesend and windsoze, whiche election shalbe yerely at the fyrst courte of aldermen, to be holden wth in the sayd citie next after the first daye of Marche, & the same eyght persons soo elected shalbe named & called the ouerseers, and rulers, of all the whyymen & watermen, that from & after the said firste daye of March shall vse occuppe or exercyse any rowyng vpon the sayd riuer of Champe betwext Grauesend and windsoze aforesayde whiche sayde ouerseers and rulers, shall kepe and maintaine good ordre and obedience, amongst the sayd watermen accoꝝdyng to the true meaning of thys present acte.

And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that after the feast of Pentecost next coming no person nor persons where two watermen and not aboue the number of two shal rowe together in one bote or whyym, in any place or places betwixt Grauesende and windsoze aforesaid shal presume or enterpryse to receiue or take any person or persons into his or theyr bote or whyym, to the intente to carpe or conuey hym or them therein onles one of the same two watermen haue bene for the most part exercised and vled in rowyng vpon the sayd ryuer of Champe by the space of two hole yeres, before the tyme. And that also one of the same two watermen, at the least be dulye admitted and allowed by the same eyght ouerseers and rulers, as the most part of them by wytyng vnder theyr knowne scale to be assufficient and hable watermen vpon payne that every person & persons presumyng or offending contrary to the true meaning of this present acte, shall by the sayde eyght ouerseers or rulers be comytted to prison in one of the Counters of the citie of London, there to remaine by the space of one moneth, or lesse as the offence shall requyre.

And also be it further enacted that no person nor personnes beinge single men not keepinge householde and not retained, shall from and after the said feast of Pentecost next comming vse or exercyse to rowe betwene Grauesende and windsoze aforesaid, onles he or they be prentise or prentises, or in seruice retayned with a mayster by the hole yere at the least vpon payne of lyke imprisonment.

And also be it further enacted that the Lorde Mayor of London and the Aldermen of the same Citie, and the Iustices of peace, wth in the wyres next adioyning to the sayd ryuer of Champe, euerye of them within theyr severail iurisdiccions and auctorities shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of thys present acte, vpon complaint made to them or any of them by the saide ouerseers and rulers or two of them, or the mayster or maysters of anye such seruants not

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duely to examine, here and determine all complayntes, and offences to be done or committed by anye suche person or personnes, that shall offende contrarie to the trewe meaninge of this presente acte, and to let at large all and everye suche person & persons, as shall fortune to be imprisoned by the sayd ouerseers and rulers accoꝝdyng to thys acte of iust cause shall appeare vnto them so to do. But also by theyꝝ good discretions and wisdom to punyssh correcte, and refoꝝme, the sayde ouerseers and Rulers, and euerye of them that shall vniustelye or wythout good cause or grounde punyssh anye personne or personnes, by couloure of thys presente Acte, or anye thyng therein contey-
ned.

And be it further enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons whatsoeuer from hencefoꝝth do or shall make anye wherrye or bote, to the entente commonlye to vse rowing and carpyng people vpon the saide riuer of Champe, which shall not be xxii. fote & a halfe in length, and foure fote and a halfe brode in the midshippe, or which shall not be substantiallyl and well hable and sufficiente to cary two persons on one side tight, accoꝝding to the olde quantitie, scantyng, thynknes of boꝝde, goodnes, and good propoztion, heretofore had, and vled, that then the same bote or botes, soo beyng made contrarie to the propoztion and soꝝte before expessed, shall be taken as foꝝeyte, and shall be foꝝeyte, the one halfe thereof to the kynge and queenes Maiesties, our sayde Soueraygne Lord and Ladys vse, and to the vse of the heyres and successours of the queenes maiestie. And the other halfe to hym or theym that wyll sue foꝝ the same, in anye of the kynge and queenes maiesties courtes of Recoꝝd, by action of Detynue Bꝝil, Playne, Information, or other wyse, wherein noo wager of lawe esoygne, protection, or iniunctyon shall be allowed foꝝ the Defendaunte.

And be it further enacted that yf any personne or persons, whiche from and after the sayd feast, shall vse and exercyse the occupatyon of rowyng betwixt Grauesende and Wyndesore aforesayde, whiche in the tyme of the execution of anye Commissyon of prestynge, that shall be hadde foꝝ the seruyce of the kynge and Queenes Maiesties and the heyres and Successours of the queenes maiestie, in theyꝝ affayres, shall wyllynglye, voluntarlye, and obstynatelye, wythdrawe, hyde, or conueye hym or them selues, in the same tyme of prestynge into secrete places, and oute corners, and after when suche tyme of prestynge is ouerpasse d shall retourne and come agayne to the sayde ryuer of Champe, to rowe betwixt grauesend and Wyndesore aforesayd, & that duely pꝝoued by two indifferent wytnes, before the sayde maior & court of aldermen, or Justices of the peace & two of the sayde rulers, that then he or they so doyng & offendynge, shall suffer imprison-
ment by

by the space of two wekes, and be banyshe d anye more to rowe from thenceforth vpon the sayde ryuer of Thames, by the space of one hole yere and a daye, then next folowynge.

And be it further enacted, that it shalbe lawefull to the sayde bil. rulers for the time being, & their successours fro time to time to couente and call before them at some conueniene place, by theym to be appoynted all and euerye such person and persons, which from and after the sayde feast of Pentecost, shall occupye and vse the sayde trade and occupation of rowynge betwixt Grauesend and wyndesore aforesayde, and shall enter and register the name and names of theym, and euery of them that shall be by them allowed or admytted for watermen to rowe betwixt Grauesend and wyndesore aforesayde, in a booke to be made for the same intent and purpose, and to take such further order and direction therein, with euerye the sayde partyes, by the auctoritie of this present acte, as it shal seme mete and necessarye by the discretion of the said ouerseers, and rulers, for the time being. And also that the sayd ouerseers, and rulers, shal and may by thauctoztie of this acte, ouersee, byewe, and surueye, at al and euery tyme and tymes hereafter, al maner botes and whyrpes, that shal from & after the said feast be made, before the sayde bote or botes, whyrpe or whyrpes, be lanchyd oute of the parde or grounde wherein the same bote or botes whyrpe or whyrpes, shal fortune to be made, into the sayd riuer of Thames, to the intent that they and euery of the may be made and prepared in such maner and forme, and accordynge to the goodnes proportion and quantitie, in this present act before limited and expessed.

And be it further enacted by thauctoztie aforesayde that yf anye person or persons, which at any tyme hereafter shalbe elected or chosen to be a ruler or ouerseer, as before is expessed do happē negligent ly to vse & exercise, his or theyr rowme or place, or yf wyll obstynately refuse to take vpon hym or them, the rowme or rowmes, place or places, of any the sayd ouerseers or rulers, that then all, and euerye suche offender or offenders so offendinge, shall lose and forsayte the summe of fyue pounde of lawefull mony of Englande. The one halfe whereof shalbe to our sayd soueraygne lord and lady the kynge and Quenes maiesties vse, and to thuse of the heyres and successours of the Quenes maiestie, and thother halfe to hym or theym, that wyll sue for the same in any of the kyng and quenes maiesties courtes of recoorde, by action of Debt, or by any other the wayes or meanes aboue specified, wherein no wager of lawe, esloyne, protection, or iniunction, shalbe admytted or allowed, for the Defendaunt or Defendauntes.

And be it further enacted by thauctoztie aforesayde, that the said maiors and court of aldermen of the saide cite of London, for the tyme beyng, shal from tyme to tyme at theyr discretions limit, set, & asse

asseſſe the pryce and pryces, and ſummes of money that euery perſon or perſons ſo aucthorized to rowe as is aforeſayd betwixt Graueſend & Wyndſore aforeſayd ſhall take for his or theyr labour, or fare fro place to place perticulerly betwixt Graueſende and Wyndſore aforeſayde and the ſame pryces and aſſeſſementes to be ſet, ſhall bryng or cauſe to be brought to the pryuy Counſell of our ſoueraigne Lord and ladye, the kynge and quene to be viewed and ſene by ſome of the ſayd pryuy counſell, and after that the ſayd aſſeſſementes and pryces, ſhalbe ſygned and ſubſcribed with the handes of two of the ſayde pryuy counſell at the leaſte, the ſayd Maioꝝ and courte of Aldermen for the tyme beinge ſhall cauſe the ſayd pryces and aſſeſſementes to be wyrtten and ſet vp in tables in the Gylldhall, in the cytye of London, Weſtmynſter hall, and elſewhere, where the ſayde Maioꝝ and courte of Aldermen ſhal thinke conuenient. And euery perſon and perſons that ſhall take for hys or theyr fare or labour aboue the pryces that ſhalbe aſſeſſed, brewed, wyrtten, and ſet vp in ſourme aforeſayd, ſhal forſayte for euery ſuch offence fourty ſhyllinges, and alſo ſhall ſuffer impyſonment by one halfe pere, the one moite of the ſayd forfeiture to be to the king and queenes maiesties, theyr heires and Succellours, and thother moite thereof, to hym or them that wyl ſue for the ſame in any of the kyng and queenes maiesties courtes of recorde, by action of Debre, or by any other the wayes or meanes aboue ſpecyfied, wherein no wager of lawe, eſſoigne, protection, or iniunction, ſhalbe admytted or allowed for the defendaunt or defendantes.

And be it further enacted by thautortie aforeſaid that no perſon nor perſons occupyinge or biſpyng any Weſterne barge, ſhall retayne, take, or receyue into his or theyr ſeruiſe, any ſingle perſon, not keeping houſe or houſhoulde, but one ye ſuche as ſhall be retayned with him or them by the hole yeare and no houſholder, but ſuche as he or they wyl and ſhall aunſwer for, for hys or theyr good behauor, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery ſuch offence fourty ſhyllinges, the one moite thereof to be to the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, her heires and ſuccellours and the other moite thereof to him or them that wyl ſue for the ſame in any of the kyng and queenes courtes of Recorde by action of Debre, or by any other the wayes or meanes aboue ſpecyfied, wherein no wager of lawe eſſoigne, protection, or iniunction, ſhalbe admytted or allowed for the defendaunt or defendantes.

An acte to take away the benefyte of clergye from Benet Smyth for the murder of Buſſorde.

The. xviij. Chapter.

f. iii.

In



A most humble wise sheweth vnto your most excellent
 hyghnesses, & to the lordes and commons in this pre-
 sent parliamēt assembled, your true subiect and dayly
 oratorye Margerye Rufforde wydowe, late the wyfe
 of Gyles Rufforde, late of Edlesburge in youre graces
 countie of Buckyngham Esquire, deceased, that wher
 one Benedict Smith late of Edlesburgh aforesayd yoman, otherwile
 called Benet Smith late of Edlesburgh in the sayd county of Buckin-
 gham gentleman, of his cruel mynde and deadlye malyce and hatred
 which he the sayd Benedict had and dyd beare vnto the sayde Gyles
 Rufforde, he the sayd Benedict in the terme of Easter in the first yere
 of the raygne of your hyghnes our sayd soueraygne ladye the Quene
 dyd purchase and comence a wyttte of appeale of robbery returnable
 in your hyghnes benche commonly called the kynges benche, agaynst
 the fozesayd Gyles Rufford, and other persons supposing by the same
 wyttte, and by the declaration therēvpon made, that the sayde Gyles
 Rufford and the other persons named in the sayde wyttte, the seventh
 day of Apryll in the sayd fyrst yere, at lytle Gaddesden, in your graces
 countye of Hertford, dyd feloniously steale, take, and beare away from
 the person of the said Benedict one cloke, a veluet purse, syrtene poun-
 des ten shyllinges in money numbred, & other thinges of the money
 goodes and cattels of the sayd Benedict, wherevpon the sayde Gyles
 Rufforde and the sayde other persons named in the sayde wyttte, dyd
 appeare and were arrayned in the sayd bench and ther vnto plede not
 gylty and ther vpon the sayd parties were at issue, as by the recordes
 there remaynyng in the said bench plainly appeareth the which said
 issue not beyng tried, the sayd Benedict Smith, not cessing to execute
 his sayd deuelyshe malyce & crueltye, but entendinge vtterlye to dy-
 stroy the sayde Gyles Rufford, & the sayd other persons named in the
 sayde wyttte, he the sayde Benedict together with one John Godfrey
 of Edlesburge aforesayd yoman, the seven and twentye daye of Sep-
 tember in the fyrst and second yeares of your hyghnesses raygnes, at
 Ware in the sayd county of Hertford did falsely conspire to endite the
 sayd Gyles Rufford and the sayde other persons, of the sayde robbery
 and felonye mencyned in the sayde wytt of appeale wherevpon they
 the sayd Benedict and John Godfrey dyd then, and there before your
 hyghnesses Justices of general gaole deliuery, then and there holden
 endyte the sayde Gyles Rufforde, and the saide other personnes, na-
 med in the sayd appeale, of the sayd robbery and felonye, vpon whiche
 sayde inditement, the sayde Gyles Rufforde was afterwarde then and
 there, before the sayd Justices arrayned, & ther vnto dyd pleade not
 gyltye, and put hym selfe vpon the countrey, wherevpon he the sayde
 Gyles was afterwarde then, and there, therevpon founde not gyltye,
 as by recordes there plainly appeareth.

And

And yet the sayde Benedicte Smith not yet leuyng his sayde ber-
 ation and malice, dyd afterwarde sue forth processe to haue the sayde
 issue tried betwene him and the sayd Giles Rufford ioyned in the said
 wytte of appeale wherebpon processe contynued agaynst the Jurye
 therebpon retourned in the sayde county of Herford, vntil the sayd iu-
 ry dyd appeare in the sayde bench, at a certayne daye, at which daye
 the sayde Benedicte Smith with his witnessses and counsellours, did
 geue in euidence to the sayde Jury to proue the sayd Giles gylty of the
 sayd felony, and the sayd Giles in lyke maner with his witnessses and
 counsellours did geue in euidence to the sayde Jury to proue him the
 sayde Giles not to be gyltye of the sayde felonye, wherebpon the said
 Jury was charged to trye the sayde issue. And afterward when they
 were agreed vpon their verditte thereof, and redye to yelde by the said
 verditte, the sayde Benedicte berunge solempnelye called in the sayde
 bench, dyd make defaulte and was nonsuit in his sayde wytte of
 appeale, by reason wherof aswel the sayde Giles as the sayd other per-
 sons named in the sayd wytte were discharged of the said sute, against
 the sayde Smyth, as by the recordes thereof remayning in the sayde
 bench playnely appeareth, by reason and occasion of all whiche sayde
 same, slaunders, verations, troubles & charges that the sayde Giles
 Rufforde was put vnto thozough the falsse and sclaunderous meanes
 of the sayde Benedicte he the sayde Giles entending to reconer again
 parte of his sayd charges, did afterwarde in the said bench comence &
 sue a byl of conspyracye agaynst the sayde Benedicte Smith, & John
 Godfrey for theyr saide falsse and vnttrue conspyracye, in procuring the
 sayd falsse inditeimente, wherevnto the sayd Benedicte and John God-
 frey pleded not gyltye, wherebpon they were at issue, and therebpon
 proces did continue in the sayd bench vntil a wytte of Disiprius, was
 awarded out of the sayd bench, into the sayde county of Herford to try
 the sayd issue, where at the assises holden at Hertforde in the said coun-
 ty of Hertforde, in the .xxii. Day of July in the fyrst and thyrde yeres of
 your highnesses raygues, it was found before the iustices of the sayde
 Disiprius, by the Jury therbpon enpanelled, that the sayde Benedicte
 and John Godfrey were gylty of the sayd conspyracy, and the said iury
 assessed damages to foure score and ten poundes, and ten poundes for
 the costes of the sayde sute, as by the recordes of the sayde Disiprius,
 playnely may appeare, since which sayd verdit so geuen the sayd Bene-
 dicte Smith being led with the instigatiō of the deuyl, and encreasing
 in more mischeife and malice agaynst the sayde Giles, did moue, styte
 labor, hyre, and procure, one Fraunces Conpers, late of London gen-
 tleman, and one John Spencer, late of London yoman, to murder &
 kyll the sayde Giles rufforde, and promysed the sayde Fraunces and
 John Spencer forty poundes to commit the sayd murder, and he the
 J. iiii. sayd

sayde Benedict did geue vnto the sayd fraunces and John Spencer two Iauinlinges and a dagge to committe the same. wherebpon the sayde fraunces Conyers, and John Spencer at dyuers and seuerall tymes, aswel in your sayd countye of Buckingham as in your graces counties of Hereforde, Midd. and Hunt. dyd goo aboute to committe the sayde murder, and at the last by the great labour and desire of the sayde Smyth, they the sayd fraunces and John Spencer afterwarde that is to wyt, the tenth day of September laste paste, at Alconburpe Weston, in your graces county of Hunt. by the procurement aforesayd did maliciouly and feloniously kyl and murder the sayde Gyles Rufforde, for which murder so committed and after relation thereof made vnto the sayd Smyth, he the sayde Benedicte Smith, did afterwarde sende to the sayde murderers a ryng of golde, and twentye shyllings in money, by the forenamed John Godfrey, in parte of payment of the sayde fortye poundes, as by the seueral confessions of the sayde murderers, and also by the confession of the sayde John Godfrey, and diuers other moost manifestly may appeare, whych sayd murder was and is one of the moost detestable and heynous murders, al the circumstances consydered, that was doone or committed by suche false practises conspiraces and deuyses within the time of any mang remembraunce wythin this youre Realme, to the euyl and perillous ensample of al other like offenders.

It maye therfore please your mooste excellent highnes the premisses considered, and for the auoydinge of suche detestable murders, hereafter, that it maye be enacted by your highnes, the lordes Spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled, & by the aucthority of the same, & be it enacted by the sayd aucthority, that yf the sayde Benedicte Smith otherwise called Benet Smyth, be or shalbe in any maner of wyse hereafter lawefully indicted in your sayde countye of Buckyngeham, or elswher, or appealed as accessarye to the sayde murder, for the procuring of the same, and be herebpon founde gyltye by verdict of twelue men, or shal confesse the same vpon his arraignment, or shal not aunswere therevnto dyrectlye accordyng to the lawes of this your realme, or shal stande wyllfully or of malice muet, or shal chalenge peremptorye, aboue the number of twentye persons, that then he the sayd Benedict shal not be admitted to haue or enioie the pryviledge or benefytte of his cleargye, but shalbe put from the same. Any lawe Statute or custome in this youre realme to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAn Acte touchinge commissions of the peace and gaole deliuary in townes corporate not beyng Countyes.

2^d The. xliii. Chapter.

where



Here the king and queenes most excellent highnes and
 theyr noble progenitors kinges of this realme, haue
 heretofore graunted theyr seueral commissions direc-
 ted aswel vnto the maiors, recorder, and other graue
 men, and inhabitauntes of certayne aunciente and fa-
 mous cities & to wones corporate, within theyr realme
 of Englande, not beyng countyes in them selues, as also vnto dyuerse
 other worshipfull and learned men dwellinge oute of the same cities
 and to wones corporate, aswel for the keeping of theyr peace, good orde-
 ringe of their people, & executing of their lawes & statutes, within the
 same cities and to wones corporate, as also for the deliuerie of theyr
 maiesties prisoners remayninge in the gaole there, & after the graun-
 tinge of suche commissions theyr maiesties haue graunted diuers other
 commissions vnto certayne worshipfull and learned menne of the
 shires, lathes, rapes, rydinges, and wapentakes, of this Realme of
 Englande, for the confirmation of their peace, and also deliuering of
 theyr prisoners remayninge in their gaoles wythin the same shires,
 lathes, rapes, rydinges and wapentakes, whiche commissions so bea-
 ringe a later date, haue bene a superledias, & cleare discharge vnto all
 and singuler the saide former commissions graunted vnto the said cities
 and to wones corporate not beyng countyes in them selues, so that the said
 mayors and other graue and chiefe officers of euery suche cite and
 to wones corporate haue bene charged to sue for the renewinge agayne
 of suche commissions bothe for the peace and goale deliuerie, to the
 expenses, costes, and charges, of the sayd mayors, and other thin
 chauntes of such cities, and to wones corporate, & to the greate pro-
 longinge and delaye of Justice there in the meane tyme. For reformati-
 on whereof, & for the better auancement of Justice in the premises
 Be it therefore enacted by the kinge and queenes maiesties, the lordes
 spiritual and temporal & the commons in this present parliament
 assembled, and by chaucthorite of the sam, that all and singuler com-
 missions and commissions graunted or to be graunted, to any such city
 or to wones corporate, not beyng as is aforesayde, a countye in it selfe for
 the keeping of theyr peace and deliuerie the prisoners remayninge in the
 gaole of anye suche cite or to wone corporate, not beyng a countye in it
 selfe, shal stande remayne, and be good and auaylable and effectual in
 lawe, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, the grauntinge of
 anye like commission of peace or gaole deliuerie, to any commissioner or
 commissioners for the conseruation of the peace, or deliuerie of the pry-
 sons remayninge in the gaole of any wyte, lath, rape, riding, or wa-
 pentake, within this realme of England, bearing date after the sayd
 commission or commissions, graunted as is aforesaid, to any such city
 or to wone corporate, not beyng as is aforesayde a countye in it selfe, to
 the contrary not wythstandyng.

*Justit. p.
 p. 1111*

An Acte to wchynge Dowdike in Marchelande.

The. xix. Chapter.



Herein the Parliament holden at Westminter in the xxi. yere of the raygne of the late king Henry the. viii. there was an act made and established for the preservation of Marchelande in the countye of Norf. intituled an acte to wchynge Dowdike in Marchelande, by the which acte it was provided & enacted, that yf any person or persons did cut downe and breake anye parte of partes of the dike called the newe Dowdike in Marchelande, in the countye of Norf. & the broken dike other wyse called Oldesfelde dike by Marchelande in the Isle of Ely in the countye of Cambraydge, or of any other bancke beyng percel of the rynde and uttermost part of the sayde countrey of Marchelande aforesayde, made for the defence & preservation of the same countrey of Marchelande, that every such offence from henceforth by any person or persons committed & done other than in working upon the sayde bancke or dikes, for the repairing, restoring, and amendinge, of the same, shoulde be taken, reputed, and adjudged felonye, and that the offenders and doers of the same, & every of them, bee adjudged and reputed felons, & that the Justices of the peace of the sayd countyes of Norf. and Cambraydge within the same Isle, at every of theyr sessions within the same Isle and counties to be kept, by the authority aforesayd, shoulde have full power to cause enquiry to be made of every such offence so at any tyme after in forme aforesayde to be committed & done, and to award like processe against every of the sayde offenders with like iudgemente & execution of lawe, yf they or any of them be therof founde guiltye, by verdyte or other waye as the sayde Justice hath used & accustomed to do upon other felons beyng felonye at the common lawe, as by the recorde of the sayde acte moore playnely appeareth. And albeist the sayde estatute was verye good and benefycyall statute for the defence of the sayde countrey of Marchelande, yet the sayde Statute was and is by one act and estatute lately made for the repeale of treasonnes and felonyes in the firste yere of the raygne of our late Soueraygne Lorde king Edward the. Syxte, amongst divers other thinges clearlye repealed and made voyde, by realonne whereof, aswell the sayde countrey of Marchelande, as the inhabitauntes of the same and theyr goods and cattelles presently stand and remayne in great daunger of damage and surroundinge, to theyr utter impoueryshement and bringynge.

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for reformation wherof, bee it enacted by aucthority of this present parliamente, that the sayde act and estatute made in the said parliamente holden in the sayde. xxii. yere of the raygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyghte, entituled an acte concerning Dowedike in Warshelande, and al and euery byaunch article penaltie and sentence therein conteyned shal from the twenty day of January next comming be reuiued and stande and be in perfete force strength and effect in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes as the same was before the repeale thereof had and made. Anye thinge mentioned and conteyned in the sayde acte of repeale or anye other lawe or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for the enlarginge of the Duchye
of Lancaster.

The. xx. Chapter.



Or as muche as the kinge and queene oure soueraigne Lord and Lady consydering and regarding the estate of the Duchye of Lancaster beyng one of the moste famous princelyest and stateliest peces of oure sayde soueraygne ladye the Quenes aunciente enherytaunce, do perceyue and consyder that the possessions & yeres revenues of the sayd Duchye are and haue bene of late greatly diminished, aswel by reason of sundry gyftes, grauntes, and scales made by the late kynges of famous memory Henry the eyght, and Edward the syxte, late kynges of Englande father & brother to our sayd souerayne ladye the Quenes highnes as also by reason of sundry exchaunges made wyth dyuers their lounge Subiectes, of sundry Manoures landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, lately belongynge to the same Duchye, and the Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, beyng receyued & taken in recompence of the sayde exchaunges be not annexed to the said Duchye but bene in thorder suruey and gouernaunce of other courtes and places so by theyr highnes taken and receyued in exchaunge.

And forasmuche also, as theyr maiesties doe minde and intende to preserue, auance, mayneteyne, and continue, the auncient and honorable estate of the sayde Duchye, oure saide souerayne lord and ladye therefore be pleased and contented that it be enacted ordeyned & established by theyr maiesties, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled and by the aucthority of the same, that all honoures, Castelles, lordships, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, wrythin

whiche in this realme of Englande whiche at anye time since the. xxviii. Daye of January in the firste yeare of the raygne of our said late Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edwarde the sixte, were percell of the possessions of the sayd Duchy of Lancaster or which were vnited and annexed to the sayd Duchy by auctorytpe of parliament, letters patentes or other wyse. And which at any tyme since þe said. xxviii. day of January haue bene geuen graunted alienated bargayned solde exchaunged or other wyse seuered from the sayde Duchy by our said late Soueraygne lorde king Edwarde the Sixte, or by our said Soueraygne ladye the Quene that nowe is, or by oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the king and quenes Maiesties that now be, to or wpyth anye persone or personnes, and which sayd honours, castels, lordshyppes, Manours, landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, since suche gyftes, grauntes, alienations, bargayne, Sales, Exchaunges, or seuerance there of so made as is aforesayde, bene common or retourned agayne to the handes of our sayde late Soueraygne lorde kynge Edwarde the Sixt or to the handes of oure sayd Soueraygne Ladye the queene, or to the handes of oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kinge and Quene, or to the handes of her Maiestie, her heires and Successours, in possession, reuertion, remaynder or other wyse, by attaynder, escheit, forsaiture, purchase, remaynder or other wyse. And whiche now be or remayne in the handes of our sayde Soueraygne lorde and ladye the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, of anye estate of inheritaunce, shall frome the tyme the same came and reuerted agayne, to the handes of oure sayde late Soueraygne lorde kynge Edwarde the sixte, or to the handes of oure sayde Soueraygne ladye the queene or the handes of oure sayde Soueraygne lorde and ladye the kinge and quene, by auctorytpe and force of this acte bee vnited and annexed for euer vnto the sayde Duchy of Lancaster, and shalbe adiudged demed and taken for euer, for and as percells and members of the sayd Duchy of Lancaster and that all suche and those of the sayde Manoures Landes, Tenementes and hereditamentes, whiche be lying within the Countye palentine of Lancaster, shall bee of the saue nature qualite kynde and condition, to all intentes constructyons and purposeys as others the auncient possessions of the sayde Duchy lying and beyng within the sayde Countye palentine of Lancaster, be and oughte to be, and all those and suche of the sayde manours lands tenementes and hereditamentes whiche bee lyinge oute of the sayd county palentine of Lancaster shalbe of the same nature qualite kinde and condicion to all intentes constructions and purposes, as other auncient possessions of the sayde duchy lying and beyng out of the countye palentyne of Lancaster, be oughte to be, and shalbe in þe letting setting order rule suruey receipts and gouernaunce of the chaunceloure, councel, and officers of the sayde Duchy

Duchye of Lancaster for the tyme being, for evermore in like and the same maner and fourme, to al intentes and purposes, as others the sayde auncient possessions, belongyng to the sayde Duchy, ben, haue bene, or owen to be.

And that all the sayde Honours, Castelles, Lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, vnited, and annexed to the sayd Duchye of Lancaster, by aucthoritie and force of this acte, and all and singuler gyftes, grauntes, leases, letters patentes, and wyptynges thereof, or of anye percell thereof hereafter to be made by the kynge and quenes hyghnes, or by the heyres and successours of her maiestie shall for evermore passe and be made vnder suche of the sayde Duchye, as other the aunciente possessyons of the sayde Duchy, haue vsed to passe, and be made, and not vnder anye other Seale or otherwyle, and with the lyke and the same lyuerie of season attornementes ceremonies, orders and cyrcumstaunces in the lawe and in the same manour and fourme, as other the aunciente possessyons of the sayde Duchye.

And the letters patentes, charters and wyptynges thereof here tofore of auncient tyme made, haue vsed and ought to be made and passed and not otherwyle nor in anye other maner and fourme, anye lawe estatute, vsage or custome to the contrarie thereof. in anye wyse nor wythstandyng.

And be it further enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that oure sayde Soueraygne Lord and Ladye the kynge and Quene that now be, and the heyres and Successours of her maiestie, maye from time to time hereafter at theyr lybertyes and pleasures, by theyr graces letters patentes, to be seald wyth the great seale of Englande, vnite, annex, lymytte, assygne and appointe any other theyr honoures, Castels, Lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyinge and beyng wythin thys theyr sayde realme of Englande, vnto theyr sayde Duchye of Lancaster, for the further augmentation, honoz, and estate of the sayd Duchy at theyr wylles and pleasures.

And that all and euerye suche annexynge, lymyttynge, assygne, mente, and appoyntmente, made or to be made by oure sayde Soueraygne Lord and Ladye the kynge and Quene, or by the heyres or Successours of oure sayde soueraygne Ladye the Quene, of any theyr honoures, Castelles, Lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, vnto the saide Duchy of Lancaster, by any theyr said letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, walbe as good and auaylable as if it were done by aucthoritie of parlyament.

And that all such honoures, castelles, lordshypes, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes lyiing and being within the said coun

the palentine of Lancaster, whiche shall happen to be buyted and annexed to the sayde Duchy by force of any such letters patents, shal fro the rest of the sayd letters patentees, within the order, suruey, rule, gouernance iurisdiction lettynge and setting of the sayde Duchy of Lancaster, for the time beyng as other the possessions of the sayde Duchy, lyng and being within the said countye palentyne of Lancaster, haue vled and owen to be. And that all other honours, castels, lordshypes, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes lyng and beyng out of the sayd countye palentyne of Lancaster, which shal happen to be buyted, and annexed to the sayd Duchy by force of any such letters patentees, shalbe from the rest of the said letters patentees within the order suruey rule gouernance iurisdiction, lettynge and setting of the sayd Duchy of Lancaster, as others the possessions of the said Duchy of Lancaster, lyng and being out of the sayde countye palentyne of Lancaster, haue vled and owen to be. Sauynge to all and euery person and personnes bodys polypke and corporate, theyr heyres successours and assignes, and to theyr heyres Successours and assignes, of euery of the al such righte title interest, entries, conditions, occupations possession lease & leases, fees, annuities offces, rentes, seruyces, commons, profits, comodities, calemities, actyons, suits, Demaunders thing & thynges, whatsoeuer which they or any of the should might or ought to haue had into or out of any the premisses before the making of this acte in like & in the same maner forme & condition to al intentes constructions & purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene had or made, any thing in thys acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. Enacted alwaies and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid that this acte or any thing or thynges therein contained shal not in any wise extende to ennable or geue any libertie to our said soueraign lord and lady the kyng and quene nor to the heyres and successours of our said soueraigne lady & quene to buyt & annex to the said Duchy of Lancaster, by theyr letters patentees any honours, castels lordshypes, manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, being any part or percell of the auncient inheritaunce of the crown, or of the principalltie of wales or of the Duchy of Cornewall, or of the Earldome of Chester, or anye theyr honours, castels, lordshypes, manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes set lyng or being within the counties of Chester and Flynt, or either of them nor to geue annex or assigne to the said Duchy of Lancaster, any honours castels, lordshypes, manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, excedinge and amountynge in the hole, aboue the yerely value of two thousand poundes, anye clause, article, or thyng in thys acte rehearsed conteyned or specified to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

An Acte for the continuation of certayne statutes.

The. xxi. Chapter.



Here in the parlyament begonne and holden at London the thyrde daye of Nouember in the. xxi. yeare of the raygne of our most dread soueraygne lord of most famous memoire kyng Henry the eyghte, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte was made and established for the restrayne of cariage and conueyinge of hoxes and mares oute of thys Realme and also one other acte was there made for the true windyng of wolles, and one other acte was there made to restraine killyng of Maynages, bullockes, stiers, and heifers, beyng vnder the age of two yeres, which said seuerall actes, were then made to endure and continue vnto the nexte Parlyament, as by the said seuerall actes moze playne ly appeareth. And where also in the same parlyamente one other act was made and established for attayntes to be sued for the punishment of perjurye vpon vntrue verdycytes, whiche actes laste before rehearsed were then made and ordeyned to contynue and endure to the last daye of the next parlyament as by the same acte moze playnely at large is shewed and maye appeare.

And where also in the parlyament begonne & holden at Westminster the viii. daye of June, in the xxviii. yere of the raygne of oure sayde most drede soueraygne lord kyng Henry the eyghte, and there contynued and kept vntill the dissolution thereof. It was ordeined and enacted that al and singuler the sayd actes aboue remembred & euerye of them should continue and endure in their force & strength and also be obserued & kept vntill the last daye of the next parlyament, as by the same act amonges other thynges therein cōteined moze plainly appeareth.

And where also in the parlyament begon & holden at Westminster the xxi. daye of April in the xxxi. yere of the raigne of our saide late moste drede soueraigne lord kyng Henry the viii. & ther continued vntill the xxviii. daye of June then next folowynge, it was ordeined & enacted by the auctorite of the same parlyament that all & singuler the said seuerall actes aboue remembred, & euerye of the and al clauses, articles, & prouysons in them and euerye of the contened should continue & endure in their force & strength & also be obserued & kept vntill the last daye of the next parlyament as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein cōteined moze playnely appeareth. And wher in the parlyament holden at Westminster in the xxxv. yere of the raigne of our saide late soueraigne lord kyng Henry the viii. one act was made for the preseruacyon of

wodes to endure for seven yeares, then next folowynge, & from thence to the ende of the next parlyament, as by the same acte more playnely doth and may appeare.

And where also at the parlyamente holden at Westminster in the xxvii. yere of the raygne of the sayde late kyng Henrye the eyght, and there continued and kept until the dissolution thereof. It was ordeyned and enacted that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentyoned and euery of them (except the sayd acte made for the preservatiō of woodes, as is aforesayde) shoulde continue and indure in theyr force and strength and also to be obserued and kept until the last day of the next parlyament then nexte folowynge, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned more playnely appeareth.

And where also at the session of a parlyament ended at Westminster the. xiiii. day of Marche, in the thirde yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the syxte, one acte was made for the true currying of Leather, which acte was made to endure to the ende of the next parlyament as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a parlyament ended at Westminster the fyrst day of February in the fourth yere of the raygne of our sayde late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the syxte, one acte was then and there made concernynge the buyng of rother beastes, and also one other acte was then and there made touchynge the buyng and selling of butter and chease, whiche sayde severall actes were then and there made to endure and continue to the ende of the nexte parlyament, as by the same severall actes more at large doth and maye appeare.

And where also at the session of a parlyament by prorogation holden at Westminster the xxiiii. day of January in the fyfte yere of the raygne of our sayd late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the syxte, one other acte was then and there made agaynste regratoures and solesellers, to endure to the ende of the nexte Parlyamente, whych al and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentyoned together with the sayde acte concernynge the preservatiō of woodes, at a Parlyament holden at Westminster the fyrste daye of Marche in the seventh yere of the raygne of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde kyng Edward the Syxte, and there contynued and dysolved the laste daye of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses articles and prouysons in theym and euery of them conteyned were there reuyned and contynued to stande in theyr force and strength until the laste daye of the next parlyament.

And where also at the session of a Parlyament holden by prorogation at Westminster the xxiiii. day of October in the fyfte yere of the raygne of our mooste gracious Soueraigne Ladye the Queene Maiestye, and there contynued and kept until the dissolution thereof

one acte was there made and establyshed agaynst vnlawefull and rebellious assemblies, to endure to the ende of the nexte parlyamente as by the same acte moze playnely doth and may appeare. And wher also at the same Session of parliament last before mentioned, al and singuler the actes aboue mentioned and before that tyme continued at sondry parlyamentes as is aforesayd, and al clauses artycles and prouysions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued & continued to stand in their force and strength vnto the last day of the next parlyament.

And where also at the Session of a parlyament begon and holden at Westminster the xii. day of Nouember in the first and secōd yeares of the reygnes of our most gracious Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and Queenes Maiesties, and there continued and kepte to the dissolution of the same, beyng the xvi. day of Januarie then nexte ensuyng, one acte was then and there made agaynst sedicious words and rumors to endure to the ende of the next parliamēt, as by the same acte moze playnely doth and may appeare. And where also in the said parlyament last before recited, al and singuler the actes aboue mentioned that were before that tyme continued at sondry parlyamentes, as is aforesayd, & al clauses articles and prouysions in them and euery of them conteined were by aucthoritie of the sayd parlyament there reuiued and continued to stand in theyr force and strengthe vnto the last day of the next parlyament.

Forasmuch as all and synguler the sayde seuerall Actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall for the common wealthe of thys Realme. Be it therefore enacted ordeyned & establyshed by the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of thys present parlyament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that all and synguler the sayd seuerall actes and estatutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and prouysions in them and euery of them conteyned, shalbe reuiued cōtinued stand and endure in their full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thinges vntyll the last day of the next parlyament.

An acte for the confirmation of a Subledge
graunted by the Cleargye.

The. xlii. Chapter.

§. llii.

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Here the prelates and clergye of the prouinces of Canterbury, and Dorke haue most louingly and liberally for certayne considerations them mouyng giuen and graunted to the kyng and quenes Maiesties a Subsidye of fyre shyllinges of the pounce to be taken and leuied of all and singuler their spirituall promotyons within the same seuerall prouinces within the terme of the thye yerres now next ensuyng in suche certen maner & forme, and with diuers exceptions and prouisions specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them thereof made and delyuered vnto the Quenes maiestie, as in the same instrument exhibited also in thys present parliament more playnely doth appeare, the tenor whereof ensueth in these wordes.

The prelates and clergye of the prouinces of Canterbury and Dorke, beyng lawefully congregated & assembled in a synode vppon great and weyghtye causes to them purposed and amonge the same well wayed and debated, considering their most bounden duetys to the kyng and quenes Maiesties, and how gret and ample benefites, they haue receiued of their munificens and bountifull goodnes for an euident declaration of their good harts & mindes, in remembraunce of the sayde benefytes with one vniforme agreement accorde and consent, and together with most hartly good wylls haue geuen and graunted and by these presentes do geue and graunt to the kyng & quenes Maiesties one Subsidy in maner and forme folowynge. That is to saye, that euery Archbyschoppe, Byschoppe, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouendary, Priouost, mayster of Colledges, mayster of Hospytalles, personne, bycarre and euery other person & persons of whatsoeuer name or degre he or they be, enioynning any spirituall promotion or other temporal possessions of the same spirituall promotions annexed, now not deuoyded nor seperated by acte of parliamente, or otherwyse from the possession of the clergye, shal paye to the kyng and quenes hyghenes, for euery pounce that he or they may yerely dispend by reasonne of the sayd Spirituall promotion the summe of fyre shyllinges. And for the true and certayne knowledg of the yearely valewe of the sayde promotions and euery of them, whereof paymente shalbe made the rate taxation valuation and estimation remayning of record in the kyng and quenes maiesties late Courtes of the fyrt scutes and tenthes, and now in their courte of the exchequer for the paymente of þe Disme of the Clergy, concerning al suche promotions as be in possession of the Clergy, or any other not deuoyded by acte of parliament or otherwyse as is aforesayd, shalbe folowed and obserued withoute makynge any other valuation, rate, taxation or estimation then in the sayd recorde is compysed and mentioned.

Provyded alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth parte of the sayde valuation and rate afore mencioned, shalbe for a tyme vpon certayne reasonable considerations and respectes yearlye payde by the sayde Clergy, so that there remayneth onelie nine partes to the incumbente clere, this Subsidye of Syxe shillinges of the pound shalbe vnderstande and mente onelye of the sayde nyne partes, and of no moze.

Also the sayde Prelates and Clergye, further doo graunte that this Subsidye of syxe shyllinges of the ponde, of the yearlye value of euerye promotion taxed as is aforesayd, shalbe payd to the king and quenes Maiesties, within thre yeaeres next ensuyng p date hereof that is to saye, two shyllinges of euerye pound, in euery of the sayde thre yeaeres, the fyrst payment therof to be due at the fyrste day of October next ensuyng, which shalbe in the yeaere of our Lord God a thousande siue hundred fyfthe and sixe, and the seconde payment thereof to be due in the fyrste daye of October, then next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yeaere of our Lorde God a thousande fyue hundred fifty & seuen, the thirde and last payment thereof to be due at the sayde fyrste daye of October, whiche shalbe in the yeaere of oure Lorde God, a thousande fyue hundred fyfthe and eyghte, to bee deliuered and payde yearlye by such person and persons, as in this presente graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to be payde into the recepte of the kinge and Queenes maiesties exchequer, or to such person or persons, place or places, to whom and where it shal please their highnes to appoynte for the receyte thereof, befoze or at the laste daye of January in euery of the saide thre yeaeres, wythout paying any thing to the receyuer or receyuours by their maiesties, to bee assigned for anye discharge, acquitaunce, or Quietus est vpon paymente and receypte, of the same Subsidye, to be geuen and deliuered, but onely twelue pence, for their acquitaunce.

Item the sayde Prelates and Clergye also do graunt, that euerye priest, and all other spirituall persons, hauing a pencion by reasonne of the dissolution of anye the late monasteries, Colledges, free chappels Chaunteries, fraternities, gylde, and hospitalles, or of anye other spirituall dygnitie and corpozation, nowe dyscolued and extinguisshed within any of the sayde prouinces, shal lyke wyse pay to their highnes sixe shillinges of euerye ponde, of the sayde pencions within the said thre yeaeres, at such dayes and tymes, as is befoze specified, and for the sure and assartayned paymente thereof, a Deduction or retention of the sayde syxe shyllinges shal be made yearlye in the handes of the payers, of the sayde pencion after the propozition of two shyllinges of the pound euery of the sayd thre yeaeres to be deliuered and payd vnto their maiesties ble at such tyme and to such persons as the said subsidy of Syxe shyllinges of the pound aforesayde shalbe payde vnto.

G.iii.

Item

ANNO SECVNDO ET TERTIO.

Item that euery stipendarie, preist, receyving annual stipende of eyghte poundes & vnder, beinge no perpetuity wythin the sayde provinces shal pay vnto their Maiesties vse, sixe shyllinges eyghte pence yearly during the saide thre yeares at such time and to such persons as the sayde Subsidye shalbe payde, & vnder the same penalties, as the rest of the Clergye, do pay, for theyr promotions. And that euery preiste receyvinge aboue eyghte poundes and not aboue ten poundes to pay lyke wyse ten shyllinges. And that euery preist receyving aboue ten poundes, and not aboue twenty markes to paye thirrene shyllinges foure pence, yearly during the sayd thre yeares, at such time & to such persons as the sayde subsidy shalbe payd. And that euery preist takyng stipend aboue twenty markes to pay likewise two shyllinges of the ponde of euery yeare during the sayd thre yeares in such maner and fourme, as the rest of the clergy do pay for their promotions spiritual. And for defaulte or lacke of payment thereof by the stipendarie that euery personne vicare and other spirituall personne hiring any preiste to serue in any place shalbe answerable for the paiment of þe said preist in that behalfe after the sayd rates, and shal or may make retention of his or their wages quarterly, of so much as the said stipendary is charged with, by this present confession and graunt euery of þe sayd thre yeares. Item the sayd prelates and Clergye further do graunt þe euery archbysshoppe and Bysshop, and the Sea being vacante euery Deane and Chaptyer of the Sea boyde, shall bee Collectours of this subsidye within their propre Dyocesse duringe the sayde thre yeares.

And to thintente the kinge and quenes Maiesties maye be surelye and dulye answered and payd of the sayde Subsidy in maner and forme aforesayde, and the Collectours of the same, thoroughly charged and discharged accordinge to the tenor of this graunte, the sayde prelates, and cleargye do ordeyne and decre with one assent and consente that euery Collectoure of the foresayde Subsidy, and of euery parte & percel therof and their lawefull deputye or depeputyes shall haue full power and aucthoritye by these presentes to procede agaynst euery person and persons leyable charged and bound to pay the sayd Subsidye, or any parte or percel thereof, denyng refusing or delaying to pay the same, or makynge anye defaulte in the paymente thereof, or any parte thereof at the daye or dayes that it ought to be payde, after lawefull warninge to theym gyuen personally or at their churches or mansions, by the censures of the Churche. That is to saye by suspension excommunication or interdiction, and alsoo by sequestratyon, of the fruytes and proffittes of their benefices, or promotions spiritual and to make sale of the same fruytes, and all other remedies lawefull by their Discretions thought couenient, to correct constrainne and compelle theym and euery of theym, to the full and vndelayde satisfaction of the

the sayde Subsidye and euerye parte and percell thereof, and shal also haue lyke power and aucthoritye bothe to absolue theim soo payinge, frome all the sayde censures and other paynes, and also to release and reuoke all suche processe as shall bee made agaynste theym or anye of theym after they shall haue fullie satisfied the sayde Subsidye accordyngly.

Provyded alwayes, and it is ordeyned and decreed, that all and euerye personne and persons refusyng or neglectinge to paye the sayde Subsidye at tyme conueniente as is aforesayde, shall for hys or their synne defaulte or neglygence not payinge the Subsidye accordyng to the purpozte and tenor of thys graunte beare all the charges and reasonable expences of the sayd Collectour or his deputye in commyng goyng, and Demaunding of the same, and for the seconde tyme lyke wise offendyng in non paymente, to pay to the sayde Collectour or his deputye the fourthe parte of the sayde Subsidye, ouer and aboue the sayde Summe vpon him or his churche, or personne allotted and taxed, whiche he is bounde to paye and charged by thys acte of free graunt.

Also the sayde Prelates and Clergye doe further ordeyne and decree, that yf anye personne or persons aboue named chargeable to this Subsidy or anye part thereof, after the censures and processe executed agaynste him or them, yet styl obstinately refuse, neglecte or make delay, to pay the same or any part therof (as is before said) that they after laweful monicion geuen vnto him or them, so refusyng, neglectinge or delaying, by the sayd Collectours or their lawfull deputye or deputies personallie or at their churches, doe still by the space of thyrtye dayes refuse or neglecte to make payment of the sayde Subsidye, that then and in euerye suche case, it shalbe laweful to the sayde Collectour or his lawfull deputye, euerye such person so refusyng, neglecting, or delaying and contempning the sayde former processe, to depyue. amoue, and disstitute from his or their benefices, spiritual promotion, or pension ecclesiastical, anye appellation, or inhibition or other remedye ordinary or extraordinary notwithstanding, the sayde personne so refusing, to be and remayne for euer wythout hope of regresse to suche promotion as he or they shalbe depyued of for the causes aforesaid by any newe presentation of him or them to be made to the same, and that it shalbe laweful to the patrone of the sayde benefyce or benefices or other ecclesiastical promotions, from which the sayd person or persons so neglectinge to paye shalbe depyued, to presente vnto euerye suche benefyce or promotion spiritual as yf the sayde incumbente or incumbentes were deceased.

Item the sayde Clergye further do ordeyne and decree, that of soo muche as the Collectours shalbe charged wyth, in theyr accomptes clearly

clearly to be payde into the receipt of the sayde Exchequer, or to such person or persons as it shall please the king and Quenes maiesties to appoynte for the receypte of the same, shalbe allowed to the sayde collector vpon his sayd accompte for the same for euery pounce sixe pence by way of rewarde or in lieu of his charges, collection, portage, and conueying and paying of the sayde Subsidye.

Provided alwayes, that noo spirituall promotion or anye landes possessions or reuenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunte or acte of the prouinces of Canterburie and Yorke, or anye goodes or cattelles growinge, beyng, renuyng of the same, or appertayning to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotyons shalbe charged or made contributorye to anye fiftene, or any other Subsidye alreadye graunted to the kinge and Quenes highnes of the laye see, or hereafter to bee graunted duringe the tearme of the sayde thre yeares.

Item the sayde Prelates and clergye further graunte that euery of the new erected bishoppes, deanes, prebendaries, petycations, and preachers, shalbe charged with this Subsidye for theyr owne portions one lye thereof to paye sixe shyllinges of the pounce, wythin the sayde thre yeares as is aboue rehearsed of other bishoppes, and spirituall personnes, and those portions of rentes and reuenues, whiche theyr highnes or anye of their mooste noble progenitours haue geuen vnto them for the maintenaunce of poore men, scholemaisters, bishers gramarians, choristers, and other officers or ministers not to be charged with any parte of this Subsidye.

Provided also, that euery parson, vicare, or other spirituall man, payinge anye pension wherof none allowaunces is made, in the valuation of his sayde benefyce in the recozdes of the sayde late court of fyrste scrutes or Exchequer, shall and maye reseyne two shyllinges of euery pounce of euerye such pension, euery yere duringe the sayde thre yeares, to his owne releife in consideration that he is charged to paye his Subsidy of sixe shyllinges of the pounce out of euery pounce of the sayde nine partes of his promotion.

Provided alsoo, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pencions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belongynge to diuerse cathedral churches, or to other places ecclesiasticall wythin the sayde prouinces of Canterburie and Yorke, whiche were geuen and assigned to bee bestowed and spent to and vppon the fyndinge, and mayntenaunce of certayne Chaunteries, anniuersaries, obittes, lightes, lambes, and other lyke thinges, emtentementes and purposes, bee of late come into the handes and possessions of the kinge and quenes maiesties our soueraygne Lorde and Ladye by force of a Statute thereof, made in the fyrst yere of the reygne of

our late Soueraygne Lorde king Edward the fyrte, as by the sayde statute moore playnely appeareth, that the sayde cathedrall churches, and the deanes or presidentes, and chapytours of the same, & all other places and persons to whom the sayde landes rentes and al other the premises, or any of the did lately appertayne, shal not be charged to & with any contribucion or paymente of this Subsidye, of and for that parte, or portion wherunto the king and quenes highnes be and haue bene intituled or possessed of. But that this sayde subsidy shalbe vnderstande to be chargeable and dewe onely of all and singuler Landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pentrons, portrons, frutes and other hereditamentes, whiche do yet stil remayne not disseuered frome the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedrall churches, and other the places & persons aforesayd, and that deduction & allowance be made to them and euery of them in the sayd payment of the Subsidy, out of the hole valuation taxation and estimation made for the payement of the sayd fine remayning of recozde, in the king and Quenes maiesties court of the chequer, for that rate and portion which is come to the handes and possession of our sayde late soueraygne Lord or otherwise seuered from the possessions of the sayde Cathedrall churches, and other places and personnes aforesayd, by force of the statute promised.

Provided alsoo that euery personne and vicar whose benefyce is above the valuation of fyue ponde and not above sixe ponde thyrtye shyllinges foure pence, after the rate of the late perpetual tenth, shal paye euery yere of the sayde three yeaeres onelye. vi. shyllinges. viii. pence as the sayde stipendaries do and not otherwyle.

And that al personnes and vicars whose benefyces be of the valuation of fyue poudes or vnder after the rate of the sayde late perpetual tenth, shal not be charged or chargeable with this Subsidye or any parte thereof.

Provided alwayes that thys Subsidye, graunted by the clark shal not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefyce house of studies, or Colledge situate or set within the vniuersities of Oxforde & Cambridge, or of any benefices or other reuenues vnto any house of studies, or Colledge of Oxforde and Cambridge vntied appropriate appertaynyng, or of the Colledge of Eton, nyghe Wyndesore or of the Colledge of Winchester, founded by Willelmus Wykeham some tyme Byschoppe of Winchester, or of any poore menne, women or children liuinge of almes in anye hospitalles, almes houses, almes, halles, or of any grauer scholes, or of any other Church, or benefices or of any other reuenues of the sayde houses, Colledges, Hospitalles almes houses, or almes halles, or grauer scholes to anye of them annexed appropriate or otherwyle appertayning.

Provided alsoo that euerye prieste and other late professed religi-
groue

glous persons, hauing a pention by reason of the dissolution of the late monasteries, Colledges, fre chappels, Chauntries, fraternities, guilds and hospitalles, or anye other incorpurations, within the prouinces of Canterburie and yorke, or anye of theym, and beyng of the summe of fortye shyllynges, or vnder, & not aboue, shall not bee charged, or chargeable to the sayde Subsidy, or any parte thereof for anye suche pention of fortye shyllynges, or vnder, any thing conteyned in this graunte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item finallye the sayde prelates and clergie, beyng desirous that the sayde subsidy may be entyely contented and payde to thuse of hys king and quenes maiesties, within the sayd thre yeares, do graunt ordeine and decree, that yf it shal happen in the ende of the sayde thre yeares any arrearages of the sayd subsidy to be behinde vnpayde, by reason of the pilitie or decaye of any benefyce or other spiritual promotion, leuible to this subsidy, that then it shalbe lawefull to euerye Archebyschop and Byschoppe wpythin their seuerall dyocesse, by the counsaile of his cleargy, and the sea beyng boorde, to the deane and Chapitoure of the sea boorde, to asseesse and take all and singuler the ecclesiastycal promotions, within their sayde seuerall diocesse, to be come contributoryes to the full satisfaction of the sayde subsidy, the same to be collected leuied and payd the next yeare immediately ensuyng the said third yeare of the dayes and vnder the paynes fourme and qualities aboue limitted. Any thing in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the true and sure paymente of this Subsidy graunted by the sayde prelates and clergie of the prouinces of Canterburie and yorke, according to the tenor purpote effect and true meaning of this present instrument, the sayd prelates and clergie moost humbly desire and requyre the kinge and the quenes most excellent maiesties that may be enacted by aucthority of this presente parliament, that the provisions conteyned in the foresayde graunte shal stande good and effectual to al intentes and purposes, mentioned in the sayde graunt. And that al processes and penalties, and al other clauses touching the payment of the sayde subsidy, and the leuyng and collection of the same and of euerye percel thereof, maye be by the sayde prelates and clergie and their laweful deputyes put in due execution, according to the true meaninge thereof, without incurringe any penalties or daungers of anye lawes or statutes of this realme.

And for the true and sure paymente of this Subsidy graunted by the sayde prelates and clergie of the prouinces of Canterburie and yorke, according to the tenor purpote effecte and true meaning of this present instrument.

Be it therfore enacted by the king and the quenes maiesties, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempoal and the commons in this present

present parliament assembled and by thauuthoritie of the same, that the sayde gyft and graunt, and every matter, summe of money, clause and sentence in the sayde instrument contained be ratified established and confirmed by thauuthoritie aforesayde.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that every person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gathering of the sayd subsey, shal haue full power and auctoritie to leue take and perceiue the same Subsey, by auctoritie of the censures, of the church, in maner and forme as in the sayde instrument of graunte is conteyned, withoute daunger of the lawes of thys realme, or by dystresse vpon the possession of the fermours occupiers of the landes, and tenementes, chargeable by the sayde instrument, for or to the paymente of any summe or summes of money, or otherwyle by the discretion of the Collectour therof, and that no replewe, prohibition or Superseasias, shalbe allowed or obeyed for any person or persons makinge default of payment of the sayde subsey. contrarie to the tenor of the graunte thereof vntyll such tyme as they haue truely satisfied and contented al such part and portions as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that every such fermour and fermours their executours and assynges that shal fortune hereafter to bee charged to and wyth the payment of the sayde subsey, or any part thereof, shal by thauuthoritie aforesayde be allowed and retayne in hys handes as muche of his yerely rent and ferme as the summe which he shal fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leasor shal extende vnto, except the sayde fermoure or fermours theyr executours and assynges, by the lease and graunt that they haue of any parte of the landes and tenementes chargeable to thys subsey, or by force of any couenaunt or articles therein conteyned, be bounden & charged to pay the same & therof to discharge theyr leasor and landlord during the terme mentioned in theyr sayd lease.

Provyded also and be it enacted by thauuthoritie of thys present parliament, that every laye person hauynge a spirytual promotion chargeable by thys acte, and also hauynge temporall possessions goodes, Cattels & debtes, chargeable to this subsey graunted by the temporaltie, shalbe charged taxed and set for hys sayde spirytual promotions with the clergy, and for his sayde temporall possessions & catels with the temporaltie and not otherwyle. Any thing aforesayd mentyoned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayd, that the sayde Archbishops and Bishops, and other persons chargeable to and with the Collection of the sayde Subsey of fyre Wyllinges of the ponde, within the sayde Shyre of Caunterburie and Norke, shal haue vpon every payment therof made in the quenes court of the exchequer or els where the king and quenes maiestie shal appoint the

same to be payed a sufficient acquitaunce in writing of such person or persones as their Maiesties shal appointe for the receypte thereof, the same acquitaunce witnessing the same receypt of as much of the same summe of the same Subsidy as shal be by anye of them so receyued, & euery such acquitaunce in wytyng, sealed and subscribed wth the name or names of euery such person or persones, that so by their byghnesses appoyntment shal receyue anye of the sayd summes of money shal be as good and effectual in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to al intentes constructions and purposes, as yf it were made by acte of parlyament, and that euery person and persones, whiche shal haue and receyue any such acquitaunce, shal paye but onely two pence for euery of the same acquittaunce.

¶ An acte of a Subsidy graunted to the Kyng and the Quenes Maiesties by the Temporaltye.

¶ The. xliii. Chapter.



¶ The Lordes and Commons in thys presente Parlyamente assembled, the Kyng and Quenes Maiesties most louynge and obedyente Subiectes, callynge to oure remembraunce, the greate and sundry benefytes, whych we haue manye wayes receyued at theyr Maiesties most gracypous handes, and consyderynge also besydes the great debtes, wherewith the imperyall crowne of thys Realme was charged, when it pleased almyghtye God, fyrst to call the Quenes maiestie to the gouernaunce of the same, the great intollerable charges, wherewith her maiestie hath ben manye wayes burdened. For some declaration of oure mooste bounden dueties, with one assent, and consent, by auctoritie of this present parlyament, doe geue and graunt, to the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, theyr heires and successours, kynges of thys Realme, one entyre subsidye, to be rated, taxed, leuyed, and payde, at two seuerall payments of euery person, spirituall and tempozall, of what estate or degree hee or they be, accor dyng to the tenure of thys acte, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye, aswel of euery personne borne within thys realme of Englande, Wales, or other the kyng and quenes dominions, as of all, and euery fraternitie, gylde, corpozacyon, mysterye, brotherhead, and comminaltie, corpozated, or not corpozated, wpythin thys

provyded alwayes, that no person be, or shalbe compelled to be any commissioner, to and for the execution of thys present acte, but onely in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabyteth. And that any persone beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shal not be compelled to putte in execution the effecte of thys acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by thauctoꝛitie of thys present parlyamente, that the commissioners and euerye of them, whiche shalbe named lympyted and appoynted accordyng to thys act, to be commissioners in euery such shyre, rydyng, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Cytie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said housholdes or any other place, and none other, shal truely, effectually, and diligently, for theyr part, execute the effect of thys present acte, accordyng to the tenor thereof, in euery behalfe and none other wyse, by anye other meanes, withoute omysyon (auoyde, dreade, malyce, or anye other thynge to be attempted and done, by them, or any of them to the contrary thereof.

And the said commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayd commission, and none other, for the execution of the said Commission and acte, shal for the taxation of the sayd first paymente of the sayd subledye, before the xijth day of December, next commyng and for the taxation of the sayde second paymente of the sayde Subledye shal before the xijth day of february, whych shalbe in the yere of our lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred fyfthe and fyve, by vertue of the commissions delyuered vnto them, in fourme abovesayde, dyrecte theyr seueral or ioynt pꝛecepte, vnto eyghte, seuen, fyve, fyue, foure, or thye or moe, as for the numbꝛe of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisit, of the most substantial discrete and honest personnes, inhabitauntes to be named by the sayd commissioners, or by as manye of theym as shal be appoynted by the sayde Commission, of and in hundꝛedes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Wardes, Barlyshes, Townes, and other places aswell within liberties, fraunchyless, aunciente demaines, places exempted, & sanctuaries, as wpythout within the lymittes of the shyres, Rydynges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, cities, townes, boroughes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the lymyttes of theyr commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Baylyffes, and other lyke offycers or mynisters of euery of the sayde Hundꝛedes, Townes Wardes, Lathes, wapentakes, Barlyshes, and other places before sayde as to the sayde Commissioners and euery numbꝛe of them, or vnto thye or two of them, by their discretion in diuision, shal seme expedient as by the maner and vse of that parties shalbe requisite.

Strayghtly by the same pꝛecept chargynge and commaundyng the same inhabytauntes, Constables, and other offycers aforesayde, to whom such pꝛecept shalbe so dyrected to appeare in theyr proper persons.

to come before the sayd Commissioners or such number of them as they shall desire them selves, according to the tenor of the said commission at certain dayes and places by the sayde commissioners or any number of them as is aforesaid, within Cities, Boroughes or townes corporate or without, in any other place as is aforesayde, by their discretions shall be limited therunto, to do and accomplishe al that to them on the parte of the kynge and the Queenes Maiesties, shall be enjoyned touching this acte, commaunding further by the same precept that he to whose handes suche precept shall come, shall see or deliver the same to the other inhabytautes or officers, named in the said precept. And that none of them sayle to accomplishe the same upon payne of fourtye shyllinges to be forfeited to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties.

And it is further ordeyned by thauthoritie of this parlyament, that the sayde day and place prefixed and limited in the said precept every of the Commissioners, then being in the wythe and having noo sufficient excuse for his absence, shall at the sayde day and place prefixed for that parte wherunto he was limited, appeare in his proper person, and there the same commissioners, being present, or as many as shall be appoynted by the kynge and queenes Comynsion, shall call or cause to be called before them, the sayde inhabytautes and officers, to whome they haue dyrected their sayde preceptes. And whiche had in commaundement there to appeare by the sayd precept of the said commissioners, and yf any personnes so warned, make default unless he then be letten by sickenes or lawefull excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or yf any appearing, refuse to be sworn in fourme following to forfeit to the king and queenes maiesties fourtie shillinges, and soo at euery tyme appointed by the said Commissioners for the sayd taxations, vnto suche tyme the number of euery such persons haue appeared, and certified in forme underwritten, and euery of theso making default or refusing to be sworn to forfeit to the kynge and queenes maiesties fortye shyllinges, and upon the same apparaunce, had one of the mooste substantial inhabytautes or officer, so being warned and appearing before the sayde Commissioners, shall be sworn upon a booke openly before the Commissioners, in forme following. I shall truely enquire with my felowes that shall be charged with me of the Hundred, wapentake, ward, Towne, or other place, of the best and mooste value of the substance of euery person dwellinge and abydynge wythin the limits of the places that I and my felowes shall be charged with, and of other wythe shall haue bys or their most resorte vnto anye of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte, of this sayde subside, and of al other articles that I shall be charged with touching the
sayde

personalles, being in the rule and custody of any person and persones to thuse of anye Corporation, fraternitie, Gynne, Mysterie, Brother hood, or any communitie, being corporate or not corporate, be and shal be rated, sette and charged, by reason of thys acte, as the value certyfyed by the presenters of that certypcate, to be swome of euery pound in gooddes and dettes, as is aforesayde. And of euery pounce in Landes, Tenementes, Annuityes, fees, Corrodies, or other yearelye payntes as is aforesayde. And the summes that are before rehearsed set and taxed to be leuyed & taken of them, that shal haue such gooddes in custodie or other wise charged for lades as is before rehearsed.

And the same person, or persones and body corporate by thauctorytie of thys acte shalbe dyscharged agaynst hym, or theym that shal or oughte to haue the same at the tyme of the paymente, or delquere thereof, or at his other wyse departure from the custody or possession of the same. Except and alwayes forpylled from the charge, and assessment of thys Subledye, all Goodes, Cattelles, Jewells and Ornaments of Churches, and Chappelles whych haue bene ordeyned and bled in Churches or Chappelles for the honoz and seruice of almyghty God. And the fyrst payment of the sayd Subledye, shalbe by thauctorytie aforesayde taxed, and assessed and rated according to this acte in euery Shire, Rydinge, Lath, wapentake, Rape Cytie, Boroughe Towne, and euery other place within thys Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the kynges and Queenes Domynions, before the fyfte Day of Januarpe nexte commyng. And the seconde paymente of the sayd Subledye shalbe by thauctorytie aforesaid taxed, assessed, and rated before the tenth Day of Marche, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God a thousande fyue hundred fyfte and fyve. And the partyculer summes of euery Shire, rydyng, Boroughe, Towne and other places aforesayde, with the partyculer names of such as are chargeable for and to the sayde fyrst payment of the sayd Subledye, to be taxed and set by the Commissioners, to the same lyimited, or two of the at the least with the names of the hygh Collectours. And in the same forme shalbe certyfyed in the kyng and quenes Exchequer before the fyrst Day of February next commyng with the names of the highe collectors of the same. And the partyculer summes of euery Shire rydyng Boroughe Towne and other places aforesayde wyth the partyculer names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde paymente of the sayde Subledye to be taxed and sette by Commysioners, to the same to be lymytted or two of them at the least with the names of the hygh Collectours & in the same forme shalbe certyfyed into the kyng and quenes Exchequer, before the fyfte Daye of Apryll whych shalbe in the yeare of oure Lord God a thousande fyue hundred fyfte and seven with the names of the high Collectours. And the said summes in

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maner and fourme aforesayd, to be taxed for the fyrt paymente of the sayde Subledye, shalbe payed into the kyngs and Quenes Receypte of the Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraygne Lord and Lady, before the fyrt daye of March, next commynge and the sayde summes in maner and fourme aforesaid to be taxed for the se cond paymente of the sayde Subledye, shalbe payed into the receypte aforesayd, to thuse aforesayde, before the twenty daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God a thousande, fyue hundred, fyfthe and seuen. And the summes abouesayde of and for the sayde Subledye shalbe taxed, set, asked and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuyed and payd vnto thule of our sayd Soueraygne Lord and Lady & theyres and successours of our sayde Soueraygne Lady, in forme abouesayd aswell within the lyberties, fraunchises, Sanctuaries, auncient demayne, and other whatsoeuer place, exempt or not exempte, as wyth out, except suche wyres, places and personnes as shalbe forpyled in or by thys present acte, any graunte, charter, prescription vse or lybertye by reason of anye letters patentes or other pryueledge, prescriptyon, allowaunce of the same or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge here tofore to the contrarie made, graunted, used, or obteyned notwithstandinge.

And it is further enacted by thauthoritye of thys presente parliament that euery such person, aswell such as be bozne vnder the kyngs and Queenes obeysaunce, as euery other personne straunger bozne Denizen or not Denizen, enhabytynge within this realme or within Wales, or other the kyngs and quenes Dominions which at the tyme of the sayde assessinges or taxacions, or of eyther of them, to be had, or made shal be oute of thys Realme and oute of Wales, and haue goodes or Cattelles, landes, or Tenementes, fees, or Annuities, or other proffyttes within thys Realme or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for the same by the certyficate of the inhabytauntes of the parties where suche Goodes, Cattelles, Landes Tenementes, or other the pemysses then shalbe, or in such other place where suche persone or his factoure Deputie or attorney shal haue hys most resoirt vnto wyth in thys realme or in Wales in lyke maner as yf the sayde person were or had bene at the tyme of the sayde assessynge, wythin thys Realme.

And that euery person abydynge or dwellynge within this realme or wythoute thys Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subledye graunted by thys acte, accordynge and after the rate of suche yeately substance or value of landes, and tenementes, goodes, Cattels, and other the pemysses as euery person so to be charged shal be set at in the tyme of the sayde assessynge or taxation vpon hym to be made and none other wyse.

And further moze be it enacted by thauthoritye aforesayde, that

for the assessinge and orderinge of the sayde subbedye to be due lye had
the Lorde Chaunceloure of Englande or the keper of the greate seale
the Lorde Treasurer of Englande, the Lorde Stuarde of the kynge
and Queenes maiesties householde, the Lorde Presidente of the kinge
and Queenes honorable Councell, and the Lorde Pryuie Seale for
the tyme beyng or two of them at the least, whereof the Lord Chaun-
celloure of Englande, or keper of the greate seale for the tyme beyng
to bee one, shall and maye name and appoynte, of and for euerye shyre
and ridinge, and other places, as wel within this realme as in Wales
and other the kinge and queenes Dominions, and alsoo of and for eue-
rye Cytie and towne, beyng a Countye in it selfe, and of, and for the
Isle of Weyght, such certayne number of persons of euerye of the same
Shyres, Rydynges, Lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cityes, townes, and
Isle of Weyght, and euerye other places and other the inhabitauntes
of the same, to bee commissioners wythin the same, whereof they bee
inhabitauntes. And alsoo of and for the honorable housholde of the
kinge and queenes maiesties, and the Ladye Elizabethes grace and
the Ladye Anne of Cleues, in what shyres or other places the sayde
houholde shall happen then to bee, and the Lorde Chauncellour, and
other wyth him before named in lyke maner may name and appoynte
of euerye other suche Borough and Towne corporate, as well in Eng-
lande, as in Wales, and other the kinge and Queenes Dominions, as
they shall thynke requisite. vi. b. iiii. three, or twoo of the heade offycers
and other sadde honeste inhabitauntes of euery of the saide cityes, bo-
roughes, and townes corporate accordyng to the number and multi-
tude of people beyng in the same, the which personnes, yf any such be
thereunto named of the sayde inhabitauntes of the sayde Boroughes,
and townes corporate not beyng countyes in them selues, shalbe ioy-
ned and put in, as Commissioners, with the persons named for suche
shyres, and Rydynges, as the sayde Boroughes, and townes corpo-
rate not being countyes in them selues, be set & haue ther being which
persons so named, for and of the sayde boroughes, and townes corpo-
rate, not beyng countyes by reason of theyr dwelling in the same, shall
not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of their commissi-
on in execution for the premisses out of the sayde boroughes and town
corporate. wherein they beinge so named onelye for the same be dwel-
lyng, and also not to execute the sayd commission within the borough
or towne corporate where they be so dwellyng, but at suche dayes and
tymes as the sayde other commissioners for the same shire and ridyng
shall thereunto lymytte and appoynte, wythin the same Borough or
towne corporate, not being countye corporate, whereof they so be, and
not out of such borough or town, and in that maner to be ayding, and
assistinge with the sayde other commissioners, and for the good execu-
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ting of the effect of the said commission, upon payne of euery of the said
 commissions so named for euery suche cite, boroughe, and towne cor-
 porate, not beyng a countye, to make such fyne as the sayd other com-
 missioners in the commission of, & for the sayde Shyre, or riding so na-
 med or thye of them at the lest, shal by their dyscretions set and certify
 into the kinge and Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of
 the kinge and quenes maiesties, in like maner as such or lyke summes
 had bene set and rated, upon euery such person for the sayd Subsedye
 the whych commissioners so named, of & for the said ctytes, borougges
 and townes, not being counties, and onely put in the said commission
 by reason of their dwellinge in the same, shal not haue any part of the
 portion, of the fees, and rewardes of the commissioners, and ther cler-
 kes in this acte afterwardes specified. And the Lorde Chauncelloure
 of Englande or keper of the kinge and queenes greate Seale, for the
 tyme beinge, shal make and directe out of the courte of chauncery, vn-
 der the kinge and queenes greate Seale, seuerall commissions, that is
 to saye, to euery Shyre, riding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Cite, Town,
 Borough, Isle and householde vnto such person, and personnes, as by
 his discretion, and other with him afozenamed and appoynted in lyke
 maner and forme as is afoze rehearsed, shal be thoughte sufficiente, for
 the sellinge and leuyng of the sayde subse dy, in all shyres and places,
 acco dyng to the true meaning of this acte, whych commission for the
 fyyste paymente of the sayde subse dy, shalbe directed and deliuered to
 the sayde commissioners, or to one of them, befoze the fyist day of Decē-
 ber next comming. And the commission for the seconde payment of the
 sayde subse dy shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayd commissioners
 or one of theym, befoze the fyist day of februarye, whiche shalbe in the
 yere of our lord god, a thousande fyue hundred fyfthe and sixe.
 And to euery of the sayed commissyons, ten cedulaes conteyned in the
 the tenor of this act shalbe affiled. By the which commission the com-
 missioners in euery such commission, named acco dyng to this act, and
 as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the same comission shal haue
 full power and aucthozytpe to put the effect of the same commission in
 execution. And that by aucthozytpe of this act after such commission to
 theym directed, they maye by their assentes, and agreamentes, seuer
 them selues for therecution of their comission in Hundredes, Lathes,
 Wardes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places
 wythin the limits of their sayd commission, in such fourme as to them
 shal seme expediente to be ordered and betwene them to be commoned
 and agreed, acco dyng to the tenor and effecte of the commission to
 theym therein directed vpon whych seuerallunce euery person of this
 presente parliamente that shalbe commissioner shalbe assygned in the
 hundred wherein he dwelleth.

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this realme of Englande, Wales, or other the king and quenes dominions, beyng worth. b. poundes, & vnder ten poundes, for euery pounce aswel in copgne, & the value of euery pounce, that euery such person, fraternite, guylde corporation misterye, brotherhed, & comminalty, corporate or not corporate, hath of his or their own, or any other, to his or their vse, as also plate, stocke of marchaundizes, al maner of cozne and blades, household stuffe, and of all other goods moueable, aswel within the realme, as without, & of al such summes of money, as to him & theym is or shalbe owynge wherof he or they trust in his or their consciences truely to be payde, excepte and oute of the premisses deducted in suche summes of money as he or they owe and in his or their conscience true he intendeth to pay. And except also the apparel of such persons theyr wyues and chyldren belonginge to theyr own bodyes, sauing Jewellis golde, Siluer stone & pearle, eyght pence of and for euery pounce to, & for the first payment of the sayd Subledye, and to and for the Second paymente other eyght pence of euery pounce. And also of euery person bozne vnder the Kinge and Queenes obeysaunce, and all and euery corporation, fraternite guylde misterye brotherhed, and comminalty, corporate, and not corporate, beyng worth tennie poundes in goodes as is afoze specified, and vnder the value of twenty poundes shall pay to, and for the fyrste paymente of the sayde subledye twelue pence, and to and for the second payment, other twelue pence of euery pounce. And lyke wyse euery person and personnes, bozne vnder the kinge and Queenes obeysaunce, and euery corporation fraternite guylde misterye brotherhed and comminalty corporate and not corporate, beyng worth in goodes as is afoze sayde, twenty poundes, and soo bywardes in goodes as is befoze sayde, shall paye to and for the fyrste payment of the sayde Subledye sixtene pence and to and for the Seconde payment other sixtene pence of euery pounce. And also of euery alpen and straunger bozne oute of the kinge and Queenes obeysaunce aswell denizen as other, inhabitynge wythin thys Realme, of euery pounce that he or they haue in copgne, and the value of euery pounce in plate cozne, grayne marchaundise household stuffe, or other goodes, Jewelles, Catteltes, moueable or vnmoueable, as is afoze sayde aswell wythin this realme as wythoute, and of al Summes of money to him or them owynge, wherof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience or consciences to be payde, excepte and of the same premisses deducted euery suche summe, or summes of money, whych he or they dooe owe and in his or their conscience or consciences entende truely to paye, of and for euery pounce to fyue poundes, to and for the fyrste paymente of the Subledye, eyght pence, and to and for the seconde paymente of the sayde Subledye, other eyght pence of euery pounce. And lyke wyse of, and for fyue pounce, and for euery

pounde, from fyue poundes to tenne poundes, to and for the fyrst pay-
 mente of the sayde Subledye, twelue pence, and to and for the seconde
 payment of the sayde Subledye, other twelue pence of euery pound.
 And of, and for tenne poundes to twenty poundes, to and for the fyrst
 payment of the sayd subledye. xviij. d. and to, and for the seconde pay-
 ment of the sayde subledye other. xviij. d. of euery pounde. And of, and
 for twentie poundes in goodes, as is before rehearsed, and so bpward
 to, and for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subledye two shyllinges, and
 to, and for the seconde paymente of the said Subledye, other two shyl-
 linges of euery pounde. And alsoo that euerye alven, and straunger
 bozne oute of the king and Quenes Dominions, beyng Denizen, or not
 Denizen, not beyng contributoye to any of the rates abouesayde, shall
 pay to and for the fyrste paymente of the sayde Subledye, four pence
 and to, and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subledye, other four
 pence for euerye polle. And the maister or he or she, with whome the
 same alven is, or shalbe abidinge, at the tyme of the taxatyon, or taxa-
 tions thereof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of payment therof

And be it further enacted by thauthority aforesayde, that euery
 personne bozne vnder the kinge and Queenes obeyssaunce, and euerye
 corporation, fraternitye, gylde, mistery, brotherhed, and comminalty
 corporate or not corporate, for euerye pounde that euerye of the same
 person, and euerye corporation, fraternitye, gylde mistery, brother-
 head, and comminaltye, corporate or not corporate or any other to his
 or their vse hathe in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yea-
 res, by execution, wardshipp or by coppy of court rol, of & in any honours
 Castels, Manors landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditamen-
 tes, annuities, fees, corrodyes, or other yeaerlye poffittes, of the yere-
 value of twenty shyllinges aswell wythin aunciente Demeane and
 other places pryueleged, as els where and so bpwardes, shall pay to,
 for the fyrste payment of the sayd Subledye, two shyllinges of, and for
 euery pound, and to, and for the seconde payment of the said Subledye
 other two shyllinges, of and for euery pounde. And euery alien, borne
 oute of the kinge and quenes obeyssaunce, in suche case to pay at eyther
 of the sayde paymentes. iiii. shyllinges of euery pound, and that al sum-
 mes presented, & chargeable by this acte, either for goodes & dettes, or
 for landes and tenementes & other the premisses as is in this acte con-
 teyned and beinge no full pounde shall be eyther of the sayde payment-
 tes sette and taxed after the rate and portion accordinge to the trewe
 meaninge of this acte (landes and tenementes chargeable to the dis-
 mes of the cleargy, and yeaerly wages due to seruauntes for theyr ye-
 rely seruice) other then the king & quenes seruauntes taking yeaerlye
 wages of fyue poundes or aboue (onely excepted, and forpyled.)

And that all Plate Coygne, Jewels, Goodes, Dettes, and Catels,
 personages

sayde acte, and accoꝝdinge to the intente of the same, and therebpon
as nere as it maye, oꝝ shall come to my knoweledge, truely to presente
and certify befoze you the names and surnames, and the best and vtter
mooste substaunce, and values of euery of them, aswel of landes, tene-
mentes, and other heredytamentes, possessyons, and proffittes, as of
goodes, cattels, dettes, and other thinges, chargeable by the sayd acte
wthout any concelement, fauour, loue, affection, dreade, seare, oꝝ ma-
lice, so helpe me god and the holye contentes of this boke. And euery
other person, that shall appeare there yeaerlye by the sayde preceptes,
shall make like othe, and vpon the othe so taken, as is aforesayde, by
the inhabitauntes, and offycers, of euery hundredes warde, wapen-
take, towne, oꝝ other place, the sayde commissyoners shal openly there
orde oꝝ cause to be reade vnto theym, the sayde rates, and openly de-
clare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme
they oughte and shoulde make their certificate, accoꝝding to the rates
and summes thereof abouesayde, and of all manner personnes aswell
of aldens, and straungers denizens, oꝝ not denizens inhabiting wpyth
this realme, as of suche personnes as be boꝝne wpythin the king and
quenes obeysaunce, chargeable to this acte.

And of the possessyons, gooddes and catels of fraternities, guilds
corporations, brotherheades, misteryes, and comminalties, and other
as abouesayde. And of personnes, beyng in the partyes of beyonde
the seas, hauinge goodes oꝝ cattelles, landes, oꝝ tenementes, within
this realme, as is beforesayde. And of al goodes beyng in the custo-
dy of any person oꝝ personnes, to thuse of any other, as is abouesayde
the whiche information and shewyng the sayde personnes, shoulde
have suche playne knowledge of the true intente of this presente acte,
and of the maner of their certificate, that the same personnes shall
have noo reasonable cause, to excuse theym by ignoraunce, and after
the othes, and the statute of the sayde subledye, and the maner of the
sayde certificate to bee made in wytyng, conteynyng the names
and surnames of euery person, and whether he be boꝝne without the
kinges and Quenes obeysaunce oꝝ within and the best value of eue-
ry person in euery degree, aswel of yeaerly value, of landes, and tene-
mentes, and of suche lyke possessyon, and proffyttes, as the value of
goodes, and cattels, dettes, and euery thyng to theyr certificate re-
late, and necessarye to theym declare, the sayde commissyoners
beyng, shall by their discrecyons, appoynte, and lymytte vnto
the sayde personnes, another daye, and place to appeare befoze the said
commissyoners, and chargyng the sayde personnes, that they in the
same tyme shall make dplygent inquirie by allwayes, and meanes of
the premysses, and then, and there euery of theym, vpon payne of
capture of fourtye shyllinges to the king and quenes maiestyes, to
appeare

appeare at the sayde newe prefixed daye, and place, there to certifie
vnto the sayde Commissioners in wytyng, accordyng to the sayde
charge, and accordyng to the true intente of the sayde graunt of subse-
dye and as to theym in maner aforesayde, hath bene declared, and shew-
wed by the Commissioners, at whych daye and place so to theym pre-
fixed, yf anye of the sayd persons make default, or appeare, and refuse
to make the sayde certyficate, that then euerye of them soo offending
to forfeyte to the Kinge and Queenes maiestyes, fourtye shyllynge
except onely a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sicknesse
or otherwyse, by the othes of two credyble personnes, ther witness
be had. And of suche as appeare readye to make certyficate, as is aforesayde,
the sayde commissyoners there beyng shall take and receyue
the same certyficate and euerye parte thereof and the names, values
and substance of euery person so certified, and yf the same commiss-
yoners see cause resonable, they shall examine the sayde presenters ther-
of, and thereupon the sayd commissyoners at the said dayes and place
by their agremente amonge theim selues, shal from time to tyme open-
lye there presyre a day, at a certayne place, or places, wythin the limi-
tes of their commissyon, by their dyscretion, for they further proce-
dyng to the sayde assessyng of the sayde subseidye, and thereupon
the sayde daye of the sayde certyficate, as is aforesayde, taken the same
commissyoners, shall make their precepte, or preceptes, to the constables,
subconstables, Bayliffes or other offycers, of suche hundredes,
wapentakes, townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same com-
missyoners shall be of, compysyng and conteynyng in the same pre-
cepte, the names and surnames of al personnes presented before them
in the sayde certyficate, of whome yf the sayde commissyoners, or
manye of theym, as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the kinge and que-
nes comission, shall then haue behemente suspecte to bee of more gre-
ter value, or substance, in landes goodes, cattel, or summes of mo-
ney owyng to them, or other substance aforesayde, then upon such
person or persons shal be certified, the same commissyoners shall make
they precepte or preceptes directed to the Constable Bayliffes
or other offycers commaunding the same Constable Bayliffes or oth-
er offycers to whome suche precepte shalbe dyrected, to warne suche per-
sonnes whose names shall be compysed in the sayde precepte at the
manoures, or to they personnes, that the same personnes named
in such preceptes, and euerye of them shal personally appeare before
the sayde commissyoners, at the same newe presyred daye and place, there
to bee swozne, and examyned, by al wayes and meanes, by the sayde
commissyoners, of they greatest substance, and beste value, and of
and euerye sommes of monye owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer
matter concerninge the premises, or any of them, accordyng to the

at, at which day and place so prefixed, the said commissioners, the ther
 being, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appointed by the kyng
 and queenes commission, shal cause to be called the sayde persons, whose
 names shalbe comprised in the said precept as is beforesayd for theyr ex-
 amination. And if any of those persons which shulde be warned, as is
 beforesaid, to be examined, which at any tyme after the warnynge, and
 before the prefixed daye, shalbe within such place where he maye haue
 knowledge of hys sayd appearaunce to be made, make default, & ap-
 peare not, onles a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the o-
 thes of two credible persōs before the said commissioners be truly alled
 ged for his discharge, that then euery of the so making defaulte, to be
 taxed & charged to the kyng and queenes maiesties, with and at the
 double summes of the rate that he should or ought to haue ben set at for
 and after the best value of hys land or substance, vpon him certified yf
 he had appeared by the discretion of the commissioners there beyng.
 And in lyke maner yf any of them suspected, as is aforesayde, appeare
 and refuse to be swozne in fourme solo wyng, then euerye suche offen-
 der to be taxed and charged to the kyng and Queenes Maiesties,
 with and at the double summes of the rate he should or oughte to haue
 ben set at, for and after the best value of hys substance, vpon him cer-
 tified by the sayd persones that made the certificate, as is beforesayd,
 by the discretions of the sayde commissioners there then beyng. And
 whiche commissioners shal trauell with euerye of the personnes, soo
 then and there appearynge, whose names shalbe expressed in the sayd
 precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspecte was or shal
 be had in fourme abouesayde, by all such wayes and meanes they can.
 And further the sayd commissioners or as many of them as shalbe here-
 unto appoynted by the said commission by their discretions shal open-
 ly sweare the same person in this maner and fourme solo wyng.

I shall saythfully, truly, and playnely accordyng to my knowlege
 sweare vnto you, the kyng and queenes Commisyoners, and to other
 by you assigned, the best and greatest value, or aboue, of all my yeare-
 ly profyttes, in Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, or such other lyke pos-
 sessions, yearelye profyttes, and fee, and the best and greatest value of
 all my goodes and cattels, and Summes of money to me owynge ac-
 cordyng to the graunt of thys acte of Subledye, and trulye answere
 to that I shalbe examyned of, touchyng the premysles without coun-
 tynge or decept, so helpe me god and the holy contentes of thys boke.

And yf any person that should appeare be excused in forme aforesaid
 by witnes of credible personnes, the same personnes shalbe examined
 by theyr othes, of his or theyr greatest and best value, and substance,
 so lackyng & excused, and by the best of their certificat or knowledge,
 or of the other fyrst certificate, vpon him or them made, the same per-

son so lacking, & excused of his apereance, to be set, & rated, by the said
 commissioners or otherwise to be set, & rated, in thys case as shall seme
 best by the discretions of the said commissioners. And yf it happen to be
 proued by wytnes, bys owne confession, or other lawefull wayes, or
 meanes within one yere after any such othe made, that the same person
 so taxed & sworne, was of any greter or better value, in landys, goodes
 or other thinges aboue specified, at the the time of his sayd oth, the
 same person so sworne dyd declare vpon bys oth. That then such per-
 son so offendyng shal lose & forseyt to the king & queenes maiesties, as
 much more in lawefull money of England, as the same person so sworne
 was set & rated at, to pay for the sayd Subsidy. And that euery spiri-
 tual person, at either of the sayd taxations of the sayd Subsidy, shal be
 rated & set acco:dyng to the rate abouesayd, of and for euerye pound,
 that the same spiritual person, or any other, to his vse hath by dyscent
 bargayne or purchase, in fee symple, fee Tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of
 yeres by execution, by warde, or by Copppe of Courteroll, in any
 Manors, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruyces, Offices, fees,
 Corrodies, Annuities, or hereditamentes, after the true iust and yere-
 ly value thereof, after and acco:dyng as other the kyng and queenes
 Maiesties subiectes, bozne within thys realme, be charged in fourme
 aboue remembred, so that it extende to the yearly value, of twenty
 shyllinges, or aboue. And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of
 thys acte be he commissioner, or other, to anye maner of value dothe
 fynd him selfe greued with the same presentment, sellyng, or taryng,
 and thereupon complayne to the Commysioners, befoze whome he
 shal be rated, selled, or taxed, or befoze two of the, that then the said co-
 mmissioners, shal by all wayes and meanes, examine perticulerlye and
 distinctlye, the persons so complaynaut, and other bys neyghbours
 by their discretion of euery bys Landes and Tenementes, aboue spe-
 cified and of euery his goodes, cattels, and debtes aboue mentyoned
 and after due examination and persytte knowledge thereof, had and
 percepued by the sayde Commysioners, whiche shal haue power by
 thauthozitie aforesayde. The sayde commissioners or two of them to
 whome any such complaynte shal be made by their discretions vpon
 the othe of the sayd person so cōplayning, maye abate Defalke encrease
 or enlarge the same assellemen: acco:dyng as it shal appeare to them
 iust vpon the same examination. And the same Summe so abated de-
 falked encreased or enlarged to be streated in forme as hereafter en-
 sueth. So that he cometh befoze the estreates of the same assellinge be
 deliuered by the sayd commysioners, into the king and queenes ma-
 iesties Exchequer. And if it be proued by wytnes his owne confession,
 or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe
 made that the same personne so taxed and sworne, was anye better or
 greater

greater value in Landes, Goodes, or other thynges aboue specyfyed at the tyme of hys sayd oth, then the same personne so sworne dyd declare vpon hys sayde othe. That then euery such person so offendyng shall lose and forseyt to the kyng and queenes maiesties, soo muche in lawefull money of Englande as the same person so sworne, was set at or taxed to paye, and all persons set rated and taxed, as is aforesayde, shall be bounde and charged by the same, & the Summe or Summes, vpon him set to be due towarde the payment of the sayde Subsedye, and to be leuied as hereafter shall be specyfyed.

And also it is enacted by the sayd auctoritie, that euery person to be taxed at either of the sayd taxations as aforesayd, shall be rated taxed and set, & the Summe on him set to be leuied at suche place where he and his family at the tyme of the same presentment to be made shall kepe his house or dwellyng, or where he then shall be most conuersaunt abydyng or resyaunt, or shall haue his moost resort, and shall be best knownen at the tyme of the sayde certificate to be made, and no where els, and that no commissioner for thys Subsedye shall be rated or taxed for his goodes or landes, but in the Shyre or other place, where he shall be Commissioner, and that if any personne chargeable to thys acte the tyme of the sayde assessyng, happen to be out of thys Realme and oute of Wales, or farre from the place where he shall be knownen, then he to be set where he was last abydyng in this realme or wythin Wales, and best knownen & after the substance and value and other profyttes of euery person knownen by the examination certyficate and other maner of wyse as is aforesayde. The sayd commysyoners or as many of them as shall be appointed by the kyng and queenes maiesties commission shall after the rate aforesayd, set & taxe euery person accordyng to the rate of the substance, and value of his landes goodes and other profyttes, wherby the greatest and most best summe accordyng to hys most substance, by reaso of this act might or may be set or taxed.

Provyded alwayes that euery such person whych shall be set or taxed for payment of and to thys Subsedye for and after the yere lyke value of hys landes tenementes and other reall possessions or profyttes at anye of the sayde taxations, shall not be set and taxed for hys goodes and cattelles or other moueable substance, at the same taxation. And he that shall be charged or taxed for the same Subsedye, or his goodes, Cattels and other mouables, at anye of the sayde taxations, shall not be charged, taxed, or chargeable for hys landes or other reall possessions and profyttes aboue sayde, at the same taxatyon, nor that any person be double charged for the sayd Subsedye, neyther set or taxed at several places, by reason of thys acte, any thyng contained in thys present acte norwithstandyng.

And that it be ordeyned by the sayd auctoritie of thys present parliament

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liament, that no person haupng two mansions or two places to resoynt
vnto, or callng him selfe houtholde seruaunte or waytyngge seruaunte
to the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, or other Lorde or Lady, maister
or mistreis, be excused vpon his sayng from the taxe of the sayd Sub
sedye, in neither of the places where he maye be set onlesse he bypnge a
certificate in wytyng from the Commysioners where that he is soo
set in dede at one place. And yf any other then commysioner happen
to be sette in two places, vppon certifycate thereof made, the beste and
most summe vpon hym soo taxed to be taken & abyde, and thother to
be discharged, soo that the same certificate of hys assessynges and pay
ment be made thereof in wytyng vnder the seales of the Commys
sioners, or of as manye of them as shalbe appointed by the kyng and
queenes commission, whiche certificate soo made shalbe at all tymes
a sufficient discharge for hym and the collectoure of the same, as well
agaynst anye collectoure that shall demaunde the same vppon hym ra
ted or taxed, as agaynst the kyng and queenes Maiesties, and all
other personnes. And yf anye personne that oughte to be sette, by rea
son of hys remouynge or resoytynge to two places, or by reason of hys
sayng, that he els where was so taxed, or by reason of any pruiledge
by his dwellinge or abydyng in anye place (not beyng forpysed in
thys acte) or otherwise by his couin or craft, happen to escape from the
sayde taxations or either of them, and be not sette, and that proued by
presentment, examination, or insourmation, befoze the sayde Commis
sioners, or as many of them as shalbe by the same commission appoynt
ed, or by the Barons of the king and queenes Maiesties exchequer, or
two iustices of the peace of the countye where suche person dwelleth,
then euery such person that by such meanes or otherwise willingly be
couyne, shal happen to escape from the sayde taxations, or paymentes
aforesayd, or any of them, and not be rated, taxed, & set shalbe charged
vpo the knowledge and profe thereof, with & at the double value that
he shoulde, or ought to haue bene set at afoze, accoꝝdyng to hys beha
uoure. The same double value to be leuyed, gathered, & payde of hys
goodes, and cattels, landes and tenementes, towarde the sayde Sub
sedye, and further to be punished, accoꝝdyng to the dyscretions of the
Barons, iustices, and commissioners, befoze whome he shalbe conue
ted for his offence, and decept in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd that the said
Commissioners of euery commission, shall accoꝝdyng to their diuisi
ons, and after they be deuyded haue full power and auctozitie by thys
Act, to sette, taxe, and selle euery other Commissioner ioynd wyth
them in euery such commission and diuision, and shall also assesse eue
ry assessor within their diuision, for his & their goodes, landes, and
other the pꝛemysses, as is abouesayde, by the whiche sayde commissio
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the sayde commissioners shall indifferentlye, sette, take, and selle them selues and the sayd assessours, and that aswell the summes bypon euery of the sayd commysyoners and assessours so selled, rated, & taxed as the Summes made and presented by the presentours sworn as is abovesayde, shalbe wyrtten certified set and estreated. And the estreats thereof to be made, with other the inhabytauntes of that partes, within the lymyttes of the same commysyon, and diuision so to be gathered and leuyed, in lyke maner as it oughte or shoulde haue bene yf the sayde commissioner had not bene in the sayde Commission.

And that all personnes of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate aboue, shalbe charged wyth theyr freeholde and value as is abovesayde, by the Chauncellour and keper of the greate Seale, Treasourour of Englande, Lorde President of the kynge and queenes Maiesties priue counsell, and Lorde pryue Seale for the time beyng or other personnes by the kynge and Queenes Maiesties auctorite to be limited, and they to be charged for the sayde seuerall paymentes of the sayde Subledye, after the fourme of the sayde graunte accordyng to the taxation abovesayde. And the Summes bypon theym sette, with the names of the collectours appoynted for the gathering and payinge of the same, to be extreated deliuered and certified at dayes and places aboue specified by the Lorde Chauncelloure, Treasourour, Lorde President of the Counsel, and the Lorde Pryue Seale for the tyme beyng, or suche other personnes as shall be lymytted by the kynge and the queenes maiesties, and after the taxes and assesses of the sayd Summes, bypon and by the sayde assessyng and certificate, as is abovesayde made by the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed by the king & the Queenes maiesties commission, shal with al speede, and without delaye, by the wyrtynge extreated of the sayd take thereof, vnder the seale, and sygnes manuel of the sayde commissioners or of as many of theym as shalbe appoynted at the leaste to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabytauntes, Constables, Subconstables, bayliffes and other officers ioyntlye of hundredes townes parishes, and other places abovesayde, within their lymyttes or to other sufficient personnes inhabytauntes of the same onely, by the discretion of the same commissioners and as the place and parties shal requyre, as well the pertyculer names, as surnames, as the remembrance of al summes of money taxed and sette of and bypon euery person as well man as woman chargeable to thys acte, householder and all other inhabytauntes and dwellers within the sayde parishes, townes, and places, contributoye to thys acte of thys Subledye, by auctorite of which wyrtynge or estreat so deliuered the sayde officers, or other persons so named and deputed seuerallye shall haue full power and auctorite by vertue by thys Acte, immediatlye after the deliuerie of the sayde wyrtynge, or

estreate, to demaunde, leuue and gather of euerye personne therein specified, the Summe or Summes in the same wytyng, or estreate compysed. And for none paymente thereof, to distrayne the same personne or personnes, so beyng behynde by theyr goodes and Catteltes, and the distresses so taken, to kepe by the space of eight daies at the costes and charges, of the owner thereof. And yf the sayde owner do not pay suche summe of money as shalbe taxed by thys acte, wyth, in the same eyght daies, then the same distresse to be apprayed by foure thre or two of the inhabytauntes, where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayde Constable, and other Collectour for the paymente of the sayde money. And the ouerplus commynge of the sale, and keepynge thereof, yf anye bee to bee immediatlye restored to the owner of the same distresse, whyche sayde officers, and other personnes soo deputed to aike, take, gather, and leuue the sayde Summes, shal aunswer and be charged for the portyon onely to them assigned, or lymytted, to be gathered, leuued and compysed in the sayde wytyng, or estreate, to them, as is before sayde, deliuered by to the vse of our Soueraigne lord, and lady the kynge and the Quenes Maiesties, and the heyres and successours of our sayd soueraigne lady the quene. And the sayd Summe in that wytyng or estreat compysed, to pay vnto the high collectour, or collectours of that place, for the collection of the same in maner and forme vnder wytten, there vnto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabytauntes, and officers, so gatherynge the same particuler Summes for theyr collection thereof, shal retayne for euery twentye wytynges so by them receyued and payde, two pence, and that to be allotted at the paymente of theyr collection, by them to be made, to the hyghe collectoure, or collectours.

And further be it enacted by the sayde aucthorite, that the sayde Commissioners, or the moze parte of theym, as shal take vpon them the execution and busynes of the sayde Commission, shal for either of the same paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, namee suche sufficient and able personnes, whyche then shal haue, and possede, Lande, and other Hereditamentes, in theyr owne ryghte, of the perelue value of tenne pounde, or goodes, to the value of one hundred Markes at the least, and the persons seuerallye by the discretions of the same Commissioners, in the Shyres, rydynges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswel with, in places priuiledge, as wythout, not being forprised within thys acte to be hygh Collectours, and haue the Collection, and receypte of the sayd Summes, sette, and leuuable within the precincte lymytte, and bondes, where they shalbe so lymytted to gather, and receyue. To euery of the whych collectours, so seuerallye named, the sayde Commissioners

poners, or thoo of theym at the leaste, shall wyth all speede, and wyth-
oute delaye, after the sayde whole Summe of the sayde Subsidye, be
set by all the lymittes of the same theyr commissyon, or in suche lymyt-
tes as the highe collectours shalbe so severallye assigned, shall vnder
theyr seales, and sygnes manuell delyuer one estreate, indetted in
parchement, to euery of the sayde high collectours, compysinge in it
the names of all suche personnes as were assigned to leuie the sayde
pertinuler summes and the summes of euery hundrede, wapentake
towne, or other place aforesayde, wyth the names and surnames of
the personnes so chargeable, according to the estreate so firste thereof
made, as is aforesayde, and delynered. And the Collectoure so to be as-
signed, shall be charged to aunswere the hole summe compysed, in the
sayde estreate, lymitted to his collection, as is aforesayde.

Provided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners, hauing aucthoritye by this act
to name and nominate the sayde highe Collectours of the sayd Sub-
sidye, shall immediatelye vppon the nominatyon, and electyon, take
by thaurthoritye of thys presente Parlyamente suffeyente recogny-
saunce, or obligatyon, wythoute anye fee, or rewarde to bee payde
therefore, of euery persone soo by them to be named to be highe col-
lectoure, to bee bounde to the kyng and Quenes Maiesties in double
Summe of the Summe of his collectiō, and to be endorsed and made
vpon such condicion, that is to saye for the collection of the sayde firste
payment of the said Subsidy, that yf the saide collectour his heires or
executores, do truly content and paye to thuse of the king & quenes
Maiesties, and theyres or executores of the Quenes Maiesty in
their receypte, of theyr Exchequer, beefore the fyrste daye of Marche,
next comming, so much of the sayde Some of mony, allotted and ap-
poynted to hys Collectyon, as he shall collecte and gather. And con-
tente and paye the resydue of his collectyon & charge within one mo-
neth nexte after such tyme as he hath gathered, and collected the same
resydue. That then the sayde recognisaunce, or obligation, to be voyde
null to stande in full strengthe and vertue. And for the collection of
the sayd Second payment, of the sayd Subsidy, vpon condicion that
yf the sayde collectoure, his heires or executores do truly content and
paye, to thuse of the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, and theyres or exe-
cutores, of the Quenes maiesty, in their receypt of their exchequer, be-
fore the twentye daye of Maye, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde
God a thousande, fyue hundred, fyfthe and seuen, so muche of the sayde
summe of monye, allotted, and appoynted to hys collection, as he shall
collecte and gather, and contente and pay the resydue of his collectyon
and charge, within one moneth nexte after suche tyme, as he hath ga-
thered and collected the same resydue, that then the sayde recogny-
saunce or obligatyon, to bee voyde, or ells to stande in full strengthe

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and vertue, whiche sayde seuerall recognysaunces, or obligations so taken, the sayde Comynissyoners shall seuerallye certysse and deliuer into the kinge and queenes maiesties Exchequer, with the seueral certificates of the sayde taxations, and rates of the paymentes of the said subbedye, at and by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this acte, for the certificate of the sayde seueral taxations of the sayde Subbedye, upon payne of forseynture of tenne poundes, to the kyng and queenes maiesties, for every recognysaunce or obligation not certified. And that euerye such Collectoure so elected, named and chosen upon requeste to hym made, shall knoweledge and make the sayde recognysaunce or obligation, upon lyke payne and forseynture of tenne poundes to the kinge and Queenes Maiesties for the refusal thereof, and euerye suche collectoure so deputed, hauinge the sayd estreate in parchment as is aforesayde, shall haue auctorite by this act to appoynt dayes and places wythin the circuite of his collection for the payment of the sayde Subbedye to hym to bee made, and thereof to geue warninge by proclamation or other wyse, to all the sayde Constables or other personnes or inhabitauntes hauynge the charge of the particular collection wythin the hundredes parishes, townes, or other places by hym or theym limited to make payment for the sayde particular collection of euerye summe, as to theim shall appertayne. And yf at the sayde daye and place so limited and prescribed by the sayde Collectoure the sayde Constable, officers, or other personnes or inhabitauntes, as is beforesayde, for the sayde perticuler collection appoynted, and assigned within suche Hundrede, Citie, towne or other place, doo not paye vnto the sayd Collectours, the summe within the sayde seueral hundredes townes parishes and other places. Due and compysed in the sayde estreate thereof to theym deliuered by the sayde commissioners or some of them, as is beforesayde, or so much thereof as they haue by any meane receyued, two pence of euerye pounde for the sayde particular collection, as is beforesayde alwayes to bee therof allowed excepted and abated, that then it shall be lawefull to the sayde highe Collectoures and euery of them, and to the sayd assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayde Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes for the sayde seuerall and particular collection of the sayde Summes compysed in the sayde estreate and wytyng thereof to theym, and euery of them, as is beforesayde expressed, deliuered, or for as much of the same summe as soo then shall happen to bee gathered and leuted and behynde, and vnpayde by the goodes and Cattels of euery of them so beyng behynde and the Distresse soo taken to be kepte appraised and solde as is aforesayde, and thereof to take and leuy the summes, so then being behynde and vnpayde, and the ouerplus comminge of the sale of the sayde Distresse yf any be, to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Provided

Provided alwayes, that no person inhabiting in any city borough
or towne corporate shalbe compelled to be an assessor or collector of
or for any parte of the sayde Subsidy, in any place or places out of the
sayde Cytie borough or towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde authoritye enacted, that yf any inhabi-
tantes or officer, or whatsoever personne or persons charged to and
for the collection or receypte of any parte or portion of the sayde Sub-
sidy by any maner of meanes according to this acte or any personne
or persons for themselves, or as keeper, Gardyan, Deputy, factoure, or
attourney of, or for anye other personne or persons of any goodes, and
Cattels of the owner thereof, at the tyme of the sayde assessinges to be
made beyng out of thys Realme or in anye other partes not known
or of and for the goodes and cattels of any other person or personnes
of any corporation, fraternite, misterye, or other whatsoever cominal-
tye, beyng incorporate or not incorporate, and all personnes hauinge
in their rule gouernance and custodie, any goodes or cattels, at the
tyme of the sayde assessinge, or anye of them to be made or whiche for
anye cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe or for anye other, or by
reason that he hath the rule gouernance or custodie, of any goodes
or cattels, of any other person or persons corporation, cominalty, fra-
ternite, gylde, or misterye, or any such other lyke, or as factoure, De-
puty, or attourney of, for any person shalbe taxed rated valued and set
to any summe or summes by reason of this acte, & after the taxation or
assessinge vpon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with the
receypte of the same happen to dye, or departe from the place where he
was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattels so eloynd, or in such pri-
uie and couert maner kepte, as the said person or persons charged wth
the same by extreates or other writyngs fro the sayd commissiōers or as
manye of the same shalbe therunto appoynted by the sayd commissiō as is
aforesayde, can ne maye leuy the same summe or summes copyled wthin
theyr said extreate by distresse wth the limits of theyr collection as is
aforesaid, or cannot sell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of
the sayd payments, to be made in the King & quenes maiesties receipt, the
vpon relatiō thereof made wth due examination, by the othe or exami-
natiō of such person or persons, as shalbe charged wth & for the receypt
or collection of the same before the sayde commissiōers, or as many of
them as by the same commissiō shalbe therunto appoynted wher suche
person or persons or other as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattels
were set and taxed, and vpon playne certificate thereof made in the
kinge and quenes Maiesties Exchequer, by the same commissiōers
as wel of the dwellinge place, names, and Summes of the sayde per-
sons, of whome the sayde Summes, can not bee leuyed and had, as is
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aforesayde; then aswell the constables and other inhabitants ap-
 poynted for the sayde perticuler collection agaynste the hyghe Collec-
 tois, as the highe collector vpon his accompte and othe, in the sayde
 Erchequer to bee dyscharged thereof, and proesse to bee made for the
 kyng and Quenes Maiesties, out of the sayde Erchequer by the dis-
 cretion of the Barons of the Erchequer, agaynste suche personne his
 heires or executores so beynge behynde wyth his paymente. And
 ouer that the same Commissioners, to whom any suche Declaration of
 the premisses shalbe made in forme aforesayde, from tyme to tyme, shal
 haue full power and aucthoritye, to directe their precepte or preceptes
 vnto the sayde person or persons, charged wyth any Summe of for or
 vpon any suche person or personnes, or other as is abouesayde, or to a-
 ny Shyreff, Stewarde, Baylyffe or other what soeuer offycer mi-
 nister personne or personnes, of such place or places, where anye suche
 person or personnes so owyng such Summe or summes, shal haue lan-
 des, and Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, or real Possessyons,
 goodes and Cattels, wherby any such person or personnes, so indetted
 his heires, executores or assignes, or other hauinge the custodie, go-
 uernaunce or disposition of any goodes cattels, Landes, tenementes,
 or other hereditamentes, whiche oughte or may by thys acte laweful-
 ly be dysstrayned or taken, for the same, hath and shal haue goodes,
 Cattelles, Landes, Tenementes and other possessions, whereof suche
 Summe or Summes, whych by any suche person or persons, may or
 oughte to bee leuyed, bee it within the Limittes of suche commission,
 where such person or personnes was and were taxed, or withoute in
 any place wythin this realme of Englande, Wales, or other the kyng
 and Quenes Maiesties Domynions, Marches, or Territories, by
 whiche precepte as well suche person or persons as shalbe charged to
 leuye suche monye as the offycers of the place or places, where such di-
 stresse maye be taken shal haue full power and aucthoritye to distrayne
 euerye suche personne, indetted charged and chargeable by this act, or
 his executores or administratoures of his Goodes Cattelles, his gar-
 dyans factoures Deputyes Leases fermoures and assignes and all o-
 ther personnes by whose handes, or oute of whose landes anye suche
 personne shoulde haue rente, fee annuitye, or other proffytte or which
 at the tyme of the sayde assessinges, shal haue goodes or cattels or any
 other thynge moueable of any such person or persons beynge indetted
 or owyng such Summe. And the distresses so taken caused to be kepte
 appraysed and solde in lyke manner and forme as is aforesayde, for the
 distresse to be taken vpon such person to be taxed to the sayd subledye,
 and beynge suffyciente, to dysstrayne within the Limittes of the
 Collectoures inhabitants or other offycers charged wyth or for the
 same Summes, so vpon them to be taxed, and anye such distreyn for
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none payment, happen to be take out of the limite of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leuye the same, the persons so charged for the leuy of euery such summe by distresse, shal perceaue & take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, going for the execution thereof for euery mile that any such person so laboureth for the same, two pence And euery fermoure, tennaunte, gardian, factour, or other whatsoeuer person, beinge distrayned, or otherwyle charged for paymente of anye suche summe or summes, or anye other summe, by reasonne of this act, shalbe of suche summe or summes, of him, or theym so leuied and taken discharged and acquitted at his next daie of payment of the same, or at the deleuerie of suche goodes, and cattels, as he that is so distrayned had in his custodiy and gouernaunce agaynst him or them, that shalbe so taxed and set, anye graunte or wyptynge obligation or other whatsoever matter to the contrarie made heretofore notwithstandinge.

And yf any such person that should be so distrayned haue no lands or tenementes sufficient wherby he or his tennautes, and fermours maye be distrayned, or hath eloynd, aliened or hidde his goodes, and Cattels, wherby he should or might be distrayned in such maner that suche goodes and Cattelles shall not bee knowne or founde, so that the Summe of or by him to be payd in the sayde forme, shal ne can be convenientlye leuyed, then vppon relatyon thereof vnto the commysponers or to as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therby appointed where suche person or persones, was taxed and set by the othes of him or them that shalbe charged with the leuye and paymente of that summe or summes, the same commysponers shall make a precept in suche maner as is aforesayde, for to attache, take, & arrest, the bodie of such person or persons that ought to pay the sayd summes. And by this acte shall bee charged wyth, and for the sayde Summe or summes, and them soo taken saufely to kepe in prison wythin the shyre or other place where any suche person or persons shalbe taken and attached, thereto remayne withoute bayle or mayneyple vntyll he haue payde the same Summe or Summes, that suche persons for him selfe or for anye other by thys acte shalbe chargeable, or oughte to bee charged wythal. And also for the fees of euery suche arrest to him or them that shall execute suche precepte, twenty pence. And that euery officer into whome suche precepte shalbe directed, do his true diligence and execute the same vpon euery person so being indetted vpon payne to forseyt to the Kyng and Queenes Maiesties, for euery defaulte in that behalfe twenty shyllynges, and that no keeper of any Gaole, from his gaole, suffer anye suche personne, to go at large by lettynge to bayle or other wyle to departe oute of his prison, before he haue payde his sayd det, & the sayd, xx. pence for the sayd arrest vpon payne to forseyt to the kyng and Queenes Maiesties, fortye shyllynges. And the same Gaoler

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Shal to paye vnto the Kyng and Queenes Maiestyes, the double value as well of the rate whiche the sayde person soo imprysoned was taxed at, as of the sayde twenty pence for the fees, and lyke processe & remedye in lyke forme shalbe graunted by the sayde commissioners, or as manye of theym as by the sayde commission, shalbe therevnto appointed at lyke information of euerye person or persons, being charged wyth anye summe of money, for any other personne or personnes, by reason of the sayde Subledye, and not thereof payde, but wilfullye wythdrawen, ne the same leuyable wythin the lymyttes where suche person was therevnto taxed. And yf the Summe or Summes being behinde vnpayde by any person or personnes as is aforesayd be leuied and gathered by force of the sayd processe, to be made by the said commissioners, or yf in defaulte, or for lacke of paymente thereof the person or personnes, so owing the sayde Summe or Summes of money by processe of the same commissioners, to be made as is aforesayd, be committed to pryson, in forme abouesayde, that then the same commissioners whiche shal awarde such processe, shal make certificate thereof in the sayde exchequer of that shalbe done in the premises in the terme next folowynge after such summe or summes of money, so being behinde shalbe leuied & gathered, or such person or persons for none paymente of the same committed to prysonne. And yf it happen anye of the sayde collectours, to be assigned or any mayor, sheryffe, the warde, constable, the headborough, householder, Baylyffe, or anye other offycer, or minister or other whatsoeuer person or persons to dysobeye the sayde commissioners or any of theim, in the reasonable request to theym made by the sayd commissioners for execution of the sayd commission, or yf any of the officers or other persons, do refuse that to them shal appertayne or belonge to doe by reason of anye precept to him or them to be directed, or any reasonable comaundement, instance, or request touching the premises, or other default in anye apperaunce, or collectiō, to make or yf any person being suspecte or not, to be indyfferently taxed as is aforesayde, do refuse to be examined accoꝝding to the tenor of this act before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto assigned as is aforesayde, or will not appeare before the same Commissioners, vppon warninge to him made, or elles make resistauce or rescous vppon any distresse vpon him to be taken for any percell of the sayd Subledye, or commit any misbehauour in any maner of wyse contrary in thys act, or commit any wyful omission or other whatsoeuer wyful, not doynge, or mysdoynge contrarie to the tenor of thys acte or graunt, the same commissioners, and euerye number of them aboueremembred, or two of them at the leaste vpon probable knoweledge of any such misdemeners had by informatiō, or examination, shal & may sette vpon euery such offender for euery such offence, in name of a fine by

by the same offender, to be forfeited, forty shillings, or under by the discretion of the same Commissioners. And further the same Commissioners and every number of them to two of them at the least shall have authority by this present acte, to punish every such offender by imprisonment there to remaine and to be delivered by their discretion as shall seeme to them convenient. The said fines if any such be to be certified, by the said commissioners, that so assessed the same into the said kinge and Queenes Maiesties exchequer there to be leaved and payde, by the collectors of that partes, for the said Subsidie, returned into the said Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the said Subsidie in such manner as if the said fines hadde bene sette and taxed upon the said offenders for the said Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the said authority of this parliamente, that every of the said high collectors, which shall accompt for any parte of the said Subsidie in the king and Queenes Maiesties exchequer upon their severall said accomptes to be yelded, shall be allowed at every of the said paymentes of the said Subsidie for every pounce limited to his collection, where of any such collector shall be charged and yelde accompte, six pence as percell of their charge, that is to say, of every pounce thereof for such person as then haue had the particular collection in the townes and other places, as is aforesayde specified in his collectyon two pence, and other two pence of every pounce thereof every of the said chiefe collectors there accountable to receyue to their owne use for their labour and charge, in and about the premises, and two pence of every pounce, residue to be delivered, allowed and payde, by the said collectors, so being thereof allowed to such of the commissioners, as shall take upon them the busines and labour, for and about the premises, that is to say every collector to pay that commissioner or commissioners, whiche had the ordering of the wytynges, of and for the said Subsidie, where the said collector or collectors hadde their collection, for expences of the said commissioners so takinge upon them the said busines and labour of their clerkes, wytyng the said precepte and estreats for the said collection, the same last two pence of every pounce, to be divided amongst the said Commissioners havinge regarde to their labour and busines, taken by them or their said clerkes, in and about the premises, for the whiche parte soo to the said commissioners attaching the said commissioners. vi. b. iii. iii. or as manye of them as shall be thereunto appoynted by the kyng and Queenes Maiesties, commission and every of them jointly and severally for his and their said part may have his remedie agaynst the said Collector, or collectors which therof beene and myghte haue bene allowed by actyon or dette, in whiche the Defendaunte shall not wage his lawe neyther

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protection, neither Intinution, or other esoygne shalbe allowed. And that no person now beyng of the number of the companye of this present parlyament, nor any Commissioner, shall be named or assigned to be at any collector or Subcollector or presenter of the sayde Subsedye or of anye parte thereof, nor noo Commisshoner, shall bee compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the kyng & quenes Maiesties Erchequer, or for or concernynge the sayde Subsedye, or anye parte thereof. And lyke wyse that none other personne that shalbe named or assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this acte or Subsedye bee or shall be assigned or named hed collectours of anye of the paymentes of the sayde Subsedye, neyther of any parte thereof. And that euery such person or persons, whiche shall be named and appoynted (as is aforesayd) to be hed collectours in and for the firste paymente of this Subsedye, shall not be compelled to be collector of the Seconde paymente of the same Subsedye, nor of anye part thereof. And the sayde collectours whiche shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsedye, or for anye parte thereof, and euery of theym be and shalbe acquyted and dyscharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the kyng and Quenes Maiesties Erchequer, or elles where, of theym or any of them by reasonne of that collection, paymente, or accomptes, or anye thing concerninge the same to bee asked, and that yf anye personne receyue and take anye fees, rewardes or pleasures of anye, suche accomptaunte. That then he shal forfeyte to the kinge and the Quenes maiesties, for euery penny or value of penny so taken twenty pence, & suffice imprisonment at the kinge and Quenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxkinge, and assessynge of the sayde Subsedyes, as is aforesayde, hadde and made and the sayde estreates thereof, in parchmente vnto the collectours, in maner and forme befoze rehearsed, deliuered, the said commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this acte within lymitte of their Commyssyon by their agreementes shall haue metinge together, at which metinge, euery of the sayde commissioners, whiche then shal haue taken vpon them the execution of any parte of the sayde commission, shal by him selfe or by his sufficient Deputy truly certifie and brynge forth vnto the sayde commissioners named in the sayde commission the certificate and presentmente made befoze hym and suche other commissioners, as were limitted with him in one lymitte. So that the same certificate, maye be accompted and cast with other certificates of the other Lymyttes, wythin the same Commyssyon and then the sayd commissioners, and euery number of them vnto two at the leaste, as is aforesayde yf anye be in lyfe, or their exectoures, or administrators of their goodes, yf they bee then dede, shall toyncture and seuerallye as they were deuyded wythin their Lymyttes vnder their Seales, by their discrecion make one or seuerall wytynges, inderted

indented conteynynge in it aswell the names of the sayde Collectours,
by the commissioners for such collection, and accompte, in the Exche-
quer, and payment in the sayd Receypte, deputed and assygned as the
grosse and seuerall Summes, wyrtten vnto euerye suche collectour to
receaue the sayde Subsidye. And also all fynes amercyamentes, and
other forseyntures, yf anye suche, by reasonne of thys Acte, happen to be
wthyn the precyncte, and Lymytte of theyr Commysyon, to be cer-
tyfied into the sayde kynge and Queenes Maiestyes Exchequer by
the sayde Commysyoners, in whych wyrtynge or wyrtynge, in-
dented soo to be certyfied shalbe playnely declared and expessed the
hole and intire Summe or Summes, of the sayde Subsidye, seueral-
lye lymitted, to the collection of the sayde collectoures seuerallye De-
puted and assygned to the Collectyon of the sayde Summes.

So that none of the saide Collectours so certyfied in the sayde exche-
quer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged but onelye
to and for the Summe lymitted to hys Collection, and not to or for
anye summe lymitted to the Collectyon of hys fellowe, but that euery
of them shalbe seuerallye charged, for their parte lymitted to theyr col-
lection. And yf the sayde Commissioners, ioyned in one Commysyon
amongest them selfe in that matter, can not agree, or yf anye of them
be not redde or refuse to make Certificate with other of the same com-
missioners. That then the same Commissioners, maye make seuerall
Judentures, in fourme aforesayd of theyr seuerall Lymytes or sepe-
rations, of Collectours within the lymittes of their Commysyon, vpon
and in the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche
other lyke diuisions, within their said seuerall lymittes of there com-
mission, as the places there shall requyre to be senered and deuyded &
as to the same commissioners, shall seme good to make dyuysions, of
theyr lymittes, or Collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Col-
lectours. So that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompte
for his parte to hym to be lymitted onely by him selfe, and not for anye
Summe lymitted to the part of anye of his fellowes, and the charges
of euery of the Collectours, to be sette and sertified seuerallye vpon
them and euery suche Collectour vpon hys accompte & paymente of the
Summe of money, lymitted within hys Collection to be seuerally by
hym selfe acquitted and discharged in the sayde Exchequer wythoute
payinge any maner of fees, or rewardes, to anye person or persons, for
the same, vpon the payne and penaltie last abouesayde, and not to be
charged for any portion, of any other Collectoure. And yf anye Com-
missioner after he hath taken certifycate of them that as is aforesayd,
shall before anye suche commissioner be examined and the Summes
rated and sette, and the booke and wytinges thereof, beyng in hys
handes, or yf anye collectoure or other person charged wyth anye re-
ceypte of anye parte of anye of the sayde subsidyes or anye other per-

son taxed or otherwyle by thys acte charged wyth and for anye per-
cel of the sayde Subledyes, or wyth anye other sumes, or fine amercia-
ment penaltie, or other forfeyture, happen to dye before the commissy-
oner, Collectour or other whatsoever person or persons, have execu-
ted, accomplished, satisfyed, or sufficientlye dyscharged that whych to
euery such personne shall appertaine or belonge to doo, accordynge to
thys acte, then the executors and heires of euery suche personne, and al
other selled of any Landes, or tenementes, that anye such person be-
inge charged by thys acte, and dysceasyng before he be dyscharged
thereof, or any other to hys vse onely had of estate of enherytaunce at
the tyme that any such person was named Commissioner, Collectour
or other wise charged with and for any maner of thinge to be done sa-
tisfyed or payde by reason of thys acte, and all these that haue in theyr
possessions or handes, any goodes, or cattels, that were to anye suche
person at the tyme of hys death, or any Landes, or Tenementes, that
were the same personnes, at the tyme he was as is aforesayde charged
by this acte, shalbe by the same compelled and charged to doo, and ac-
complye in euery case as the same person so beyng charged shoulde
haue done, and might haue bene compelled to do, yf he hadde bene in
playne lyfe after suche rate of the Landes, and Goodes of the sayde
Commissioner or Collectour, as the party shal haue in hys hande, and
yf the same Commissioners for causes reasonable them mouyng, shall
thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate, as is beforesayde,
then the sayd person or persons, that shall fynde ioyne together, or he
that shall fyrt certifye the sayd wyrtynge indented as is aforesaid shal
certifye al the names of the commissioners of y^e comission wherby such
wytynge shalbe there then to be certified, in diuision of the hundre-
des, wapentakes, wardes, tithinges, or other places, to and amonge
such commissioners, of the same comyssyon, with the names of the
same commissioners where suche seperations, and deupsyons shalbe
with the grosse summes of mony, as wel of & for the sayde Subledye,
taxed or set of or within the sayde hundredes, wardes, wapentakes or
other places to hym or them deuided, or assigned, that shal so certifye
the sayde fyrt wytynge, as of fynes, amercyamentes, penalties, or o-
ther forfeytures, yf any happē to be within the same lymites, whereof
the same wytynge shalbe certified, and after such wytynge indented
which as is aforesaid shalbe certified, and after such wytynge indented
which as is aforesayde shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the hole
and full Summes, sette, and taxed, within the Lymytes of the same
Comission, the other Commissioners of the same before the daye of
payment of the sayde Subledye, shall certifye into the sayde Exche-
quer by theyr wytynge or wytynge indented to be made as is aforesayd,
the grosse and seuerall summes set, and taxed within the places
to theym limited for the sayde Subledye, and other fynes, amercya-
mentes

monies, penalties, and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreds, wards, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or elles by the sayde wytynges indented, to certifie at the sayde place before the sayde daye of payment, suche reasonable causes for the sayde excuses, why they maye not make such certificate, of and for the sayde subseyde by the fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures, growing or set by reason of the causes of the sayde lettes, or of the sayde none certifyinge as is abovesayde, or els in default thereof proccesse to be made oute of the kyng and quenes maiesties exchequer, agaynste the sayde Commis- sioners, and euery of them, not makynge certypicate as is aforesaid, by the discretion of the Treasurer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthority aforesayde that the inhabitauntes of the parische of Saint Martin called Stamp- forde Baron, in the Suburbes of the borowe, and towne of Staun- forde in the South parte of the water, there called wellande, whyche hereafter shalbe contributory to the payment of this present Subseyde graunted to the kyng and quenes maiesties, the sayde heires and Suc- cessours, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this tyme by suche Com- missioners, whyche shalbe appoynted, for the taxing, ratynge, and les- syng of suche Subseyde, or rate wythin the countye of Lincolne, and shalbe for this tyme contributory, and pay the sayde Subseyde to the collectour, or collectours, whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted, for the levyng and gathering of the same, wyth the Aldermen and burges of the sayde Borough and towne of Stampforde.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthority aforesayde, that al and euery person, & persons, hauing manours, lands, tenements, & other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the subseyde graun- ted to the king & quenes maiesties, by this act, & also hauing spirituall possessions chargeable to the sayd maiesties, by the graunt made by the cleargy of this realme in their conuocation. And ouer this hauing sub- stance in goodes & cattels chargeable by this said act, yet then if any of the sayde person or persones be hereafter charged, assessed, and taxed for the sayd manours, landes, and Tenementes, and spirituall possessions and also assessed, charged and taxed for his or their goodes, & cattels that then he or they shall be onely charged by vertue of this Act, for his and the sayd Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes and spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayde goodes, and cattelles the best thereof to be taken for the king and Quenes Maiesties, and not to be charged for bothe, or double charged for anye of theym, anye thing in this act conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, that this graunt of subseyde, nor any other thing therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers wythin Irelande, Callis, Haunnes, Gylmes, and the marches of the same, Jernesey, and Barnesey, or any of them, of or con- cerning

cerninge anye manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions goodes, Cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the sayde inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or anye other to their vse, haue wrythin Irelande, Callis, Hames, Guisnes, or other the Marches of the same, Iernesey, or in anye of theim, of for or concerning anye fees, or wages which anye of the sayde inhabitauntes, or dwellers haue of the kyng and Queenes maiesties, for their attendaunce, and doynge seruice to oure sayde Soueraygne Lord and Ladye, in Irelande, Callis, Hames, Guisnes, and the Marches of the same, Iernesey, and Barnesey or in anye of them, any thyng in this present Acte to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

Provyded also that this presente Acte of Subsidy, ne anye thinge therein conteyned, extende to anye of the Englyshe inhabytauntes, or restauntes in any of the countyes of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, nor to any of theim of for or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabytauntes or dwellers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within the sayd Countyes of Northumberlande, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, or of for or concerning any fees or wages whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes, or dwellers haue of the kyng and Queenes maiesties for their attendaunce, and doynge seruice to the kyng and Queenes Maiesties, for or wrythin the sayde countyes of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the sayd taxinge, leuyinge, gathering, or paymente, but that the Englysh inhabytauntes, and restauntes, and euerye of theim of the sayde countyes, byshoprycke and Townes, and euery of them, shalbe of and from the sayde subsidy, and euerye percel thereof, and for their manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lyinge and beyng in the same countyes, Townes and byshoprycke, or anye of theim vtterly acquitted and discharged, anye thinge in this presente acte befoze rehearsed to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provyded also that all letters patentes, graunted by the king and Queenes maiesties, or any of their most noble progenitours, to anye cities, Borowes, or townes within this realme of anye maner of libertyes, pryueleges or exemptions frome the burden and charge of anye suche grauntes of Subsidies whiche be at this presente tyme in force and baileable shal remayne good and effectual to the sayde Cities, Borowes and townes hereafter, acco:dyng to the purpotes thereof though the inhabitauntes of the same, shal vpon the gret and weygh

the consideration of the graunt abovesayde, be for thys graunt charged, and contributoye in lyke maner forme, and soyt as other Cities, boroughes, and towner which be not in any wise priuiledged, be from such graunt of Subledye excepted.

Provyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid that no Dyphat, or Infante, within the age of xxi. yere, borne wyth in any of the kynges and Quenes maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any paymente of this Subledye, for his goodes and cattels to hym left, or bequeathed, any thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary therewith standynge.

Provyded also and be it enacted, that forasmuch as dyuerse, & son by the kyng and Quenes Maiesties tenauntes, and other inhabytauntes, and dwellers within the countyes of Denbroke, Carmarthe Cardigan, Glamorga, Breckenocke, Radnocke, Monngomerye, Denbygh, Flynte, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and of the countye Palentyne of Chester, be at thys present time charged and chargeable wth the seuerall paymentes of dyuerse gret summes of money, by the name of Myle. Due to their Maiesties, accor dyng to the seuerall customes of the sayde countyes. For the paymente whereof, dyuerse and son by the gentlemen, and other the inhabytauntes of the sayde countyes, be and stand bounde to theyr hyghnes. Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that thys acte of Subledye or any thyng therin conteyned, shall not extende to charge, anye of the quenes maiesties tenauntes, and other thinhabytauntes and dwellers within any of the sayd countyes of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Breckenocke, Radnoure, Monnegomerye, Denbygh, Flynt, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, & the countye Palentyne of Chester, beyng charged, or chargeable wth the sayde mile, for or in any of the paymentes of the sayde Subledye graunted to the kyng and quenes maiesties by thys acte, vntill the seuerall daies and tymes appoynted, and agreed for the paymentes of the sayde myles shalbe expyred. And that the fyyst paymente of the sayd Subledye shall be made at the receypt of the quenes exchequer, before the fyyste daye of Marche then next folowynge, after the daye appointed for the latter paymente to be made of the sayd myles. And the seconde, or laste paymente of the sayde Subledye, to be made by, or before the twentye daye of Maye, in the nexte yere folowynge, after the sayd first paymēt of thys Subledye.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Tenauntes, and dwellers of euery of the said countyes in thys prouyso remembred, shall seuerallye before the feast of Pentecoste, nexte ensuyng, certifye in the sayde Courte of Exchequer, vnder the Seales of two iustices of peace of euery of the sayde countyes, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, whē and what day the last payment of the sayd seuerall

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seuerall myses now due in any of the sayde counties, shall ende and
expyre.

Wherby also that the said graunt of Subsidye, or anye other
thinge therein conteyned, doo not in anye maner of wyle extende, to
be prejudiciall, or hurtefull to thynhabitauntes or resyauntes at thys
present tyme, within the fyue portes corporate, or to anye of theyr me-
bers incorporate, or vnited to the same fyue portes, or to anye of the
same fyue portes, or of or for any parte, or percell of the sayde Summes
graunted in this present parliament of the said inhabytauntes nowe
resyaunte, or any of the, to be taxed, set, asked, leuied, or payde, but the
sayd inhabytauntes, and resyauntes in the sayd fyue portes, and there
members, be and shalbe, of, and from the sayde graunte and paymente
of the sayde Subsidye duryng the resyaunce there, and noo longer,
clearly acquitted and discharged. Any matter, or whatsoeuer thinge
in this present act had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

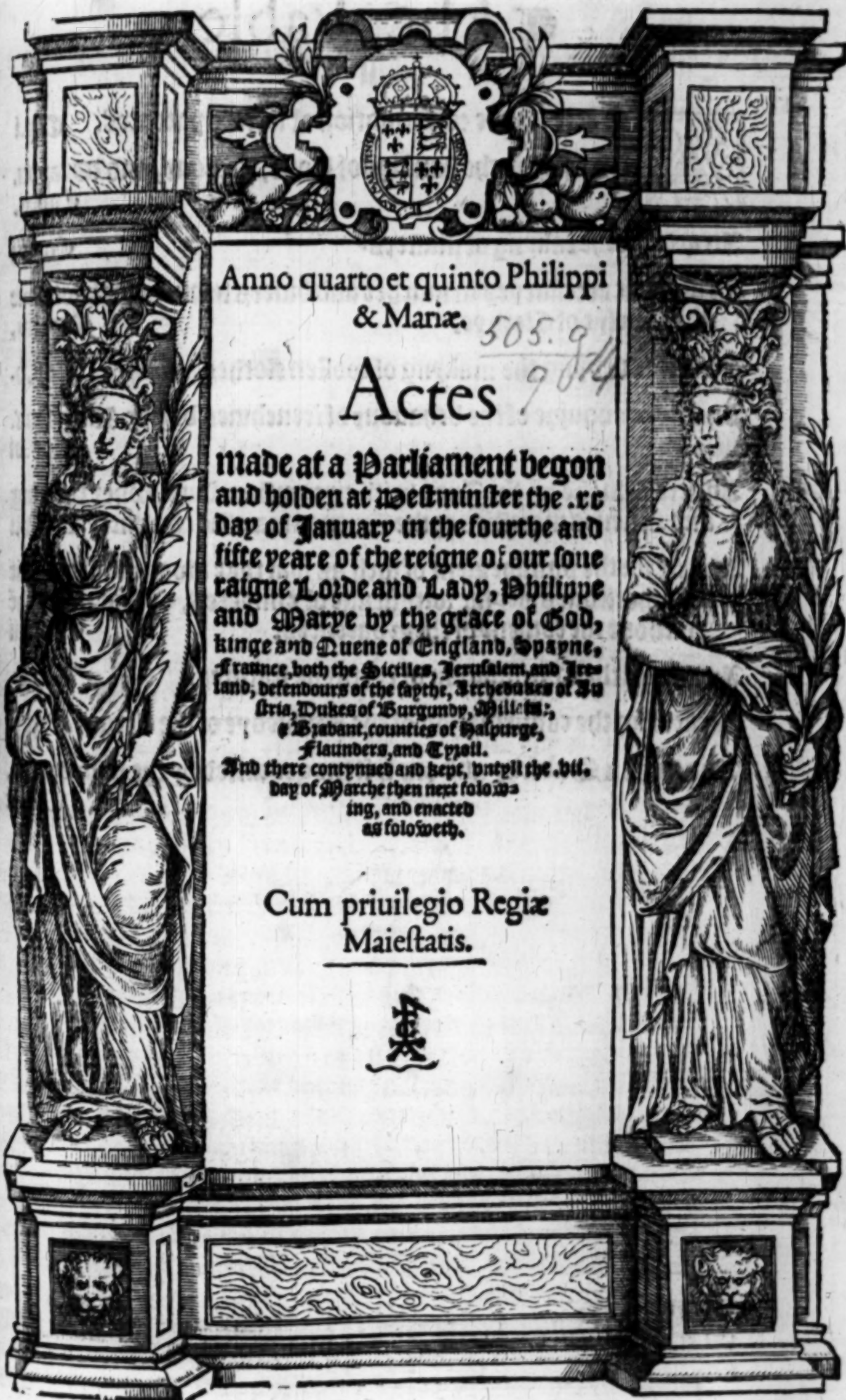
Wherby also that thys acte, nor any thinge therein conteyned
shal extend to the goodes or landes of any colledge, hal, or hostell, with
in the vniuersities of Oxenforde and Cambridge, or any of them or to
the goodes or landes of the colledge of Wynton, founden by Bpshopp
Wickham or to the goodes or landes of any common fre gramer skole
within the realme of England, or Wales, or to the goodes of any re-
ctor, scolemayster or scoles within the sayde vniuersities, and colleges
or any of them there remayning for study, withoute fraude or couyn,
or to the goodes and landes of anye hospytall, mesonduie, or Spri-
telhouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and releefe of poore peo-
ple. Any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary in any wyle not-
withstanding.

God saue the kyng and the Quene.

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Anno. M.D.LV.

Cum priuilegio regiæ Maiestatis.



Anno quarto et quinto Philippi
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Actes

made at a Parliament begon
and holden at Westminster the .xx
day of January in the fourthe and
fifte yeare of the reigne of our soue
raigne Lorde and Lady, Philippe
and Marye by the grace of God,
kinge and Quene of England, Spayne,
France, both the Sicilies, Jerusalem, and Ire-
land, defendours of the fapthe, Archbishops of Tu-
bria, Dukes of Burgundy, Milan;
& Brabant, counties of Salpurge,
Flaunders, and Tyrol.
And there continued and kept, untill the .viii.
day of Marche then next folow-
ing, and enacted
as foloweth.

Cum priuilegio Regiæ
Maiestatis.

